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Thannuyir Anjum Vinai *-Kural: 244*

The noble ones who have compassion for all lives and consider protecting them as their duty do not worry about their own life.

- From Kalaignar's commentary on the Kural

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First Wrapper

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. R.N.Ravi** and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** witnessed the parade of tableaus of various departments portraying the achievements of the Government through various schemes, at the Republic Day celebrations on Kamarajar Salai, Chennai on 26.01.2023.

Republic Day celebrated with traditional fervour

Republic Day was celebrated with the usual enthusiasm and patriotic fervour on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, near the Triumph of Labour statue in Kamarajar Salai, Chennai on 26.01.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin,** who reached the spot heralded by constables mounted on motorcycles, went round the saluting base and greeted the people who had gathered around it. The Hon'ble Chief Minister was received by the Chief Secretary Dr. V. Irai Anbu I.A.S.

Following this, the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. R.N.Ravi, arrived at the venue, accompanied by Air Force men mounted on motorcycles. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, who received the Hon'ble Governor by handing him a bouquet of flowers, later introduced the higher officials of the Armed Forces and the Police to the Hon'ble Governor.

Hoisting the National Flag:

Subsequently, in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Hon'ble Governor unfurled the National Flag and paid his respects. On the occasion, the helicopters attached to the Indian Air Force, flying low in the sky, showered flower petals on the National Flag.

The Hon'ble Governor then accepted the guard of honour provided by the three wings of the Armed Forces, Coastal Police Wing, Naval Vehicles, C.R.P.F, C.I.S.F, RPF, Tamil Nadu Special Police (both men and women), Tamil Nadu Commando Forces and various other Forces.

Awards for Heroic Acts:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed awards, including Anna Awards, for heroic deeds.

Anna Medal 2023 :

Anna Awards for 2023 (Government Employees Wing), Chennai to Thiru. P. Saravanan, Head-Constable attached to Aminjikarai Police Station, Chennai and Thiru. Jayakumar Ponnarasu, nurse of the Kasturba Gandhi Maternity Hospital, Tiruvallikeni, Chennai.

Anna Awards (General Category)

Anna Medal (General Category) to Thiru. J.J.Anthonisami of Punnakayal Village, Tiruchendur Taluk, Thoothukudi District; Selvan N. Sreekrishnan of Kattuputhur Village, Thovalai Taluk, Kanniyakumari District and Thiru. A.Selvam of Alamelupuram Village, Budalur Taluk, Thanjavur District.

Kottai Amir Communal Harmony Award 2023:

Thiru. M.A.Inayathulla of S.S.Kovil Street, Kottaimedu, South Ukkadam, Coimbatore District, was given the Kottai Amir Communal Harmony Award.

Gandhi Adigal Police Medal:

The awards were given to Tmt.D.E. Priyadarshini, Police Inspector, Central Intelligence Wing, Headquarters, Chennai District; Thiru. K.Jayamohan, Police Inspector, Prohibition Enforcement Wing, Pattukkottai in Thanjavur District; Thiru S.Sahathevan, Sub Inspector, Central Intelligence wing, Salem

zone; Thiru. B. Enayatbasha, Assistant Inspector, Central Intelligence Wing, Villupuram zone; and Thiru. S.Sivanesan, Head Constable, Central Intelligence Wing (Enforcement), Palur Police Station, Chengalpattu District.

Chief Minister's Best Police Station Awards:

This Award is given to the police station which functions exceptionally well in reducing the crimes in its jurisdiction and takes immediate action on petitions received at the station. The first prize was received by the Police Inspector Thiru. N.Udhayakumar of Tiruppur North Police Station; the second prize was given to Tiruchi Fort Station, Tiruchi Corporation and the award was received by Thiru. C.Dhayalan of Tiruchi Fort Police Station; and the third prize was won by the Dindigul divisional police station and the Inspector Thiru. Sethu Balandi of Dindigul divisional police station received the award.

Agriculture Department's Special Prize:

This prize is given to a farmer, who gets the maximum paddy yield by utilizing the Rice Intensification Technique. Tmt. K.Vasantha of Alavayal village of Ponnamaravathi Taluk in Pudukkottai won the prize for getting the maximum yield through this technique.

Following the awards distribution function, there were folk art shows by school and college students and the parade of decorated tableau of various Government Departments, depicting the State's vibrant cultural heritage and economic and social progress. Both the Hon'ble Governor and the Hon'ble Chief Minister enjoyed the show. The function came to an end with the singing of the National Anthem. ■

Chief Minister on Field Visit Programme

Hon'ble Chief Minister reviews progress of welfare schemes in four Districts

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** interacted with representatives of farmers, traders, women self-help groups, and representatives of various associations - 01.02.2023.

Under the Chief Minister on Field Visit Programme, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin reviewed the progress of various Government welfare schemes being implemented in Vellore, Ranipet, Tirupattur and Tiruvannamalai Districts on 01.02.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, at the District Collectorate in Vellore, met representatives of various farmers associations, Mupperum Uzhavar Perumthalaivar Vivasayigal Sangam, model farmers, farmer producers association, representatives of traders, leather products manufacturers, traders representatives, representatives of wholesale trade, bus and lorry operators, women self-help groups and owners of small enterprises and interacted with them.

During the interaction, farmers representatives thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister for presenting the first time in the country, a separate budget for Agriculture, for the Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Programme and for providing free power connections to 1.5 lakh farmers.

The farmers' representatives presented various demands to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, which included implementation of Thenpennai-Palar Scheme, converting the daily market at Gudiyatham into a market complex with all facilities for selling fruits and vegetables, groceries, flowers and meat.

The Leather Manufacturers Association appealed for increase in Government subsidy for common effluents treatment plant that links all the leather manufacturing units and also their other demands.

On behalf of Fleet Operators and Lorry Owners Associations, an additional overbridge near the existing Railway over bridge near the Katpadi Railway Station and an alternate road to the existing Katpadi-Bagayam Road to ease traffic congestion were demanded.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who listened to their demands, assured them that all they would be considered and suitable action would be taken.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, on the occasion, also distributed welfare assistance to self-help groups, who in turn thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister for improving their livelihood. They wanted the Government to continue to implement such welfare schemes for the benefit of SHGs.

Subsequently, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, reviewed the construction work of the Wellness Centre, at Bharathi Nagar in Sathuvachari in Vellore, being carried out at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh, on 02.02.2023. In this centre, medical facilities, personal care and physiological consultations are to be given.

Review of Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme:

The Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme was launched on 15.09.2022, for Government

Inspection at Central Kitchen, Vellore, Sathuvachari

Surprise visit to the Central Kitchen

Inspection with the food production staff members

Food inspection at Adi Dravidar welfare school

school students from Class I to V to prevent dropping out of poor and marginalized students, to improve their enrolment, to improve the nutritional level of children and help reduce the burden of working mothers.

In the first phase, 48 primary schools in Vellore Corporation have been selected for the scheme and 3,249 students are being given morning breakfast. This scheme has been extended to 3,701 students by extending to 34 Government schools in the Corporation.

Under the scheme, each child is given 50 gm of rice/rava/wheat rava/vermicelli / or millets, along with sambar prepared with 15 grams of dhal and locally produced vegetables, as breakfast.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu also made a surprise visit to the central kitchen, functioning at C.M.C. Colony, Sathuvachari, where the morning breakfast is prepared for students and reviewed the work. He visited every part of the kitchen and also the loading of the breakfast to various schools. He directed the kitchen employees to adopt hygienic practices in preparing the food. Later, he inspected the food supplied to the 132 students of the Adi Dravidar Welfare School at Alamelumangapuram. He himself served food to the children where 132 students are

studying and tasted the breakfast given to the students.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's advice to employees preparing breakfast

During the review the Hon'ble Chief Minister advised the headmasters, teacher and the breakfast preparing staff that they should strictly maintain the schedule prepared for the breakfast for the students. As per the schedule, on Mondays and Thursdays, Uppuma with Onion Sambar, on Tuesdays and Fridays, Kichidi varieties with Onion Sambar and Sweet Kesari, on Wednesdays Pongal with Onion Sambar should be served for the breakfast, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said.

The food should be prepared before 6.30 am daily and be served to students before 7.30 am daily. The students should not be made to wait for their breakfast and should be served without any delay. The register of the students, taking the breakfast, must be properly maintained. The employees must take care that the students are served nutritious and quality food.

In continuation of the on-field inspection, the Hon'ble Chief Minster of Tamil Nadu also reviewed the construction work of the Health Welfare Centre at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh at Sathuvachari and the breakfast, served to the students, at the Vellore Government Adi Dravidar Welfare School.

Later at the Vellore Collectorate the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, conducted the review of the 'Chief Minister on Field Visit' programme, with the Collectors and high Government officials of the Vellore, Ranipet, Tiruppattur and Tiruvanamalai Districts.

Addressing the officials on the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu said:"This is my first review meeting under the 'Chief Minister on Field Visit' programme and I am happy to start the scheme from Vellore. After I took over as Chief Minister, my cabinet colleagues, Chief Secretary, Secretaries of various Departments and Department heads yesterday inspected various places in these four districts. The present meeting is conducted based on our inspections. It is being conducted mainly to extend our good work to the people".

This Government is for the people. Only if a Government functions with the aim of providing good things to the people can it be considered to be a good Government. This fact is well known to you, as well as to me. Taking this into consideration, we should all work together. Certain projects which are getting delayed have been identified at the meeting. You all assured me that these delays would be avoided in future and the development works would be completed as per schedule. That is your responsibility. The administration should function effectively. You should take steps to remove all the hurdles in your way. This review meeting has been organized to enthuse you and to listen to your problems. All your views will be taken into consideration by the Government. I extend my best wishes to all the officials who work with dedication.

In the past 20 months of this Government, we have launched many projects and we have completed 80 per cent of them. This was all because of your dedicated work, for which I thank all of you. I appeal to you to continue to work with this sincerity and dedication and function more effectively.

In the review meeting, the works relating to drinking water supply and general health facilities, patta transfer by the Revenue Department, rural development and welfare of marginalized people, urban development, road development, improving the standard of living of people, improving the skill of youth, general infrastructure development, education, medical facilities, and child nutrition and their status are being discussed. The meeting is also to review how far the schemes announced by the departments concerned have been given shape and how far they have been implemented.

Based on the discussions made at the review meeting, department heads and secretaries are directed to take further steps. If the schemes need any changes, the necessary orders can be issued. I appeal to the department heads and department secretaries to take the necessary steps in case additional funds or staff are required.

Normally, I conduct review meetings only at the State Secretariat with the participation of the Chief Secretary, Principal Secretaries, Department heads, District Collectors and Superintendents of Police. But we have decided to take steps to hold review meetings with the next rank of employees at the zonal level and the present meeting is held in that way.

You all know the benefits of various schemes and the benefits that can accrue to the people through them. Since you are aware of all the pros and cons of various schemes, this meeting is crucial. At the same time it is very important to meet all persons at one place. Even if a person looks after a department independently, it is difficult to function in isolation. If he tries to function independently, it will only cause delay. All Departments are inter-linked and it is the basic principle that all should work in co-ordination. The common link among all of you should be people's welfare. You should not forget that. All procedures should be simple, especially with regard to getting patta transfer, certificate and the benefits of Government schemes. I came to know that people are unnecessarily made to go from pillar to post for getting these certificates. The District Collectors should intervene and put an end to such difficulties. Give credit to officers who function well. This will enthuse others and show the way to those who lag behind. We all serve with the common goal of development of all departments. With that basic objective, we plan schemes. The assurances we have given to the people of the State and to every district are the basic foundations on which the schemes have been conceived. In the next step, we planned schemes in consultation with the Ministers and Department Secretaries. Certain schemes are based on demands made in the Assembly. Some

projects are planned on the recommendations made by expert committees set up by the Government and the recommendations of the District administrations.

Though the projects are planned and conceived at different levels, it is the duty of the officials to take those welfare schemes to the people. Every scheme should be implemented in totality for the purpose they had been conceived. Schemes worth several crores of rupees are announced. Funds for schemes are mobilized through various sources, including taxes from people. So, care should be taken in utilizing the funds judiciously without wasting the funds.

You should be careful in implementing schemes within the allotment. Similarly, you should be firm in completing the scheme before the target date. If a project is delayed or locked, it is the Government that is normally blamed. You should be careful. The funds allotted for the schemes should be utilized within that financial year.

You should not remain complacent after floating a tender for a project, leaving the contractor to do the work. You should monitor the progress of the project, that is your duty.

A project is normally delayed if there is no co-ordination in the functioning of the subordinate staff. You should regularly conduct review meetings for the project and conduct periodic field-level meetings. You should talk with people and know their requirements. Apart from implementing Government schemes, you should speak about your dream projects to the Government and try to implement them. The priority items of the Government should be given preference by the District Administration in implementing them.

The Tamil Nadu Government's budget is to be submitted next month and after that demands of various departments will be submitted. More new projects will be included. I appeal to you to complete the existing schemes before that. I don't want to tell you more as you are all well experienced.

The main aim of the Chief Minister on Field Visit Programme is to make all the district administrations function effectively. The present meeting is the first step in that direction. In this connection, my best wishes for the improvement of your work and for Tamil Nadu reaching the best level. For this, I want the District Collectors, District Revenue Officers and district officials to function diligently. Many ideas have been placed in the meeting which will be taken into consideration at the appropriate level. With this appeal, I once again offer my best wishes, before concluding my speech.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

Hon'ble Chief Minister launches scheme to renovate dilapidated school buildings

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the Perasiriyar Anbazhagan School Development Scheme and laid the foundation stone for construction of classrooms - 01.02.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin inaugurated the children friendly Comprehensive School Infrastructure Development Scheme for the construction of 5,351 of new classrooms for schools, at a cost of Rs. 784 crore, through the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, out of Rs.2,400 crore allotted under the Perasiriyar Anbazhagan School Development Scheme, at a function in the Government Boys Higher Secondary School in Katpadi, Vellore District on 01.02.2023. On the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for construction of 114 classrooms, at a cost of Rs. 15.96 crore for the 55 elementary and middle schools in Vellore, Katpadi, Gudiyatham, Anaikattu, Kaniyambadi, Pernambut, K.V.Kuppam Panchayat Unions in Vellore District.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has been implementing various development schemes for upgrading the standard of school education by improving the learning capacity of students and implementing schemes such as 'Illam Thedi Kalvi', 'Ennum Ezhuthum' and 'Our School Our Pride'. For improving the basic infrastructure of Government schools, the State has been executing 'Our School Foundation Scheme' and the Breakfast Scheme for the 1st to 5th standard students of Government schools, so that children need not learn their lessons with a hungry stomach.

A congenial atmosphere is necessary for children to learn in schools. Taking this into

consideration, the present Government, to improve the infrastructure of school buildings under the control of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department has allotted required funds through the MLAs Constituency Development Fund, MP's Local Area Development Scheme Fund, Namakku Naame Scheme, Panchayat Union General Fund, Mines and Mineral Fund and Social Responsibility Fund. In the last 2 years, the Government has allotted Rs.90 crore for constructing 466 school buildings, sanctioned Rs. 263 crore for constructing 2,834 toilets, 1,729 kitchen halls, 639 drinking water works and 139 compound wall works. The above works are going on. Apart from these works, under the School Infrastructure Development Scheme, Rs. 127 crore has been allotted for carrying out maintenance works.

It is necessary to improve the basic infrastructure in schools for improving the enrollment of children in schools and their learning skills. Taking this into consideration, the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Legislative Assembly on 19.10.2022 announced under the Rule 110 that 6,000 new classrooms would be constructed in the current financial year. For maintenance works, along with the Rs. 150 crore already allotted, an additional Rs. 115 crore will be sanctioned.

As per the announcement, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated on behalf of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, for the benefit of 2,72,857 students, 2,462 school buildings with 5,351 classrooms with children-friendly facilities in 2,381 Panchayat Union Elementary and Middle Schools in 36 Districts, under the Comprehensive School Infrastructure Development Scheme.

Under the scheme, in Vellore District 7 Elementary and Middle Schools in the Vellore Panchayat Union, at a cost of Rs. 1.92 crore, 6 Elementary and Middle Schools in Katpadi Panchayat Union, at a cost of Rs. 2.07 crore, 7 Elementary and Middle Schools in Gudiyatham Panchayat Union, at a cost of Rs 1.99 crore, 16 Elementary and Middle Schools in Anaicut Panchayat Union, at a cost of Rs. 4.56 crore, 10 Elementary and Middle Schools in Kaniyambadi Panchayat union, at a cost of Rs. 2.85 crore, in 6 Elementary and Middle Schools at Pernambut Panchayat Union, at a cost of Rs. 1.71 crore, in 3 Elementary and Middle Schools in K.V.Kuppam Panchayat Union, at a cost of Rs. 85.90 lakh. The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stones for construction of additional classrooms for totally 55 Elementary and Middle Schools, at a cost of 15.96 crore.

Addressing the gathering, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said that he was really proud and happy to participate in the function, held under the Perasiriyar Anbazhagan School Development Scheme. "While I was entering the school, the Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Thiru. Durai Murugan, proudly said that he studied in this school and he was proud to enter the school. I am too happy to be part of the programme of this school which was responsible for educating him, which educated many more students like him and which will educate many more such students. Regarding this project, our Hon'ble Rural Development

Minister Thiru. I. Periyasamy will mention to you in detail''.

'The Perasiriyar Anbazhagan School Development Scheme has been launched for repairing and renovating the dilapidated school buildings and for this scheme, Rs. 2,400 crore has been allotted. Today alone, through this scheme, which you may be seeing through television, similar functions have been organized in various districts. Local Ministers, MPs, MLAs and District Collectors and High Officials are participating in the function. Particularly, foundation stones have been laid for construction of 5,351 new school classrooms, to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 784 crore.

'As far as Vellore District is concerned, foundation stones are being laid today for construction of 114 new classrooms in 55 Elementary and Middle Schools in 7 Panchayat Unions'.

In every function in which I participate I never forget to mention one thing. I repeat this on a number of occasions. As far as this Government is concerned, it considers both education and health as its two eyes. In this way, I have laid the foundation stone for inaugurating the projects to build classrooms.

After I took over the post of the Chief Minister and after our Government took over, whenever I went for tours to attend various functions, I used to make surprise inspections. Whenever I go for such inspections, I visit many schools. The students in a majority of schools used to say that they were attending the classes without taking their morning breakfast. This shocked me. Immediately, I conducted reviews and conducted meetings with officials and decided to introduce a morning breakfast scheme like the existing mid-day meals scheme. The Breakfast Scheme was launched in some parts of the State on the birthday of Arignar Anna, September 15. Soon it will be extended to other parts of the State.

Similarly, we have seen some dilapidated school buildings where classes are conducted under the shade of trees. This state of things should be corrected and students should have basic facilities for their studies. Only then will their minds be focused on education. The Perasiriyar School Development Scheme was floated with this aim in view. We decided to implement the Scheme by allotting Rs. 2,400 crore for it. Now we are executing the Scheme.

Through the project, we have created a situation where many schools, which are in a damaged and dilapidated condition, will be renovated. I kindly appeal to the students to make use of the facilities. I extend my warm appreciation to the District Collector, officials of the Education Department, Ministers, assembled here, teachers and the students for this function which has been arranged in an excellent manner.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

Hon'ble Chief Minister opens sports facilities at Physical Education and sports University campus

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the multi-purpose gymnasium, synthetic athletics track and residential quarters for teachers at a cost of Rs.15.60 crore at the campus of Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University under the Department of Youth Welfare and Sports Development at the Secretariat on 03.01.2023.

To make Tamil Nadu the best state in India in terms of sports and youth development, the Government of Tamil Nadu is taking various proactive measures such as providing proper training to sportsmen and sportswomen from Tamil Nadu so that they can participate and win in various sports competitions held at the all-India and international levels, and establishing infrastructure facilities for sports.

In this regard, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated a 400-metre synthetic track constructed at a cost of Rs.7 crore, a multi-purpose gymnasium constructedat a cost of Rs.5.10 crore and residential quarters for teachers constructed at a cost of Rs.3.50 crore in the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University campus located at Melakottaiyur, next to Vandalur, Chengalpattu District. Totally, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the sports infrastructure facilities built at a cost of Rs.15.60 crore.

> The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** opened Infrastructural facilities in the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University campus.

Hon'ble Chief Minister makes over Rs.50 crore for renovating 2,500 dilapidated temples

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K. Stalin,** at a function held on behalf of the Department of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments on 05.01.2023, for donating Rs.50 crore to 2,500 temples.

It is with great pleasure that I express my warm regards and gratitude to all of you.

I have participated in more than 640 programmes in the previous year, 2022. Let me say this again, I have participated in more than 640 events. Of these 640 programmes, 551 are Government programmes and more than 95 are party programmes and public events. In total, I have travelled more than 8,550 km in Tamil Nadu in the last year.

One crore 3 lakh, 74 thousand 355 people have benefited through the assistance that has been given directly to them. These are people who have benefited from the welfare assistance provided in various districts across Tamil Nadu.

I explained these statistics last week at a Government function held in Tiruchi. The most number of functions in which I participated was of the Police Department under the Home Department, which is under my responsibility. I have participated in 32 programmes under the department. Among other departments, I have participated more in the field of industry. I have attended 30 programmes under the industry department. If you asked which department comes next, it is the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department.

I am very happy to inform you that I have participated in 25 programmes on behalf of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department.

I appreciate Sekar Babu for this success. He might think, what, we are only in the third place! Don't ask for weekly dates from tomorrow just to get to the top. For that, he would have made a plan by now! I know that too well. All Departments should grow. That is why we are saying that the Dravidian model of Government spells growth.

But what are those who don't like the word Dravidian today, saying? They are engaged

Rs. 50 crore is given in the presence of Spiritual heads and benevolent people.

in a lot of effort to portray us as adversaries of religion. I would like to convey this to them with great humility, we are foes only of communalism, not of religion. It is enough if those who need to know this, understand this fact; I request them to realize this through this function. They may not be able to come and see this programme directly. That is because they are spread all over the state. But, surely they would be watching this programme on TV. They will see it in the newspaper tomorrow morning. So, I request them to realize this.

This function is for distributing a cheque for Rs. 2 lakh each to 2,500 village temples and temples in Adi Dravida areas for renovation. This function is being organized for distribution of Rs.50 crore for the renovation of temples with much enthusiasm and to the admiration of our Mutt heads.

We are distributing this amount in the function which is organized in the presence of very important spiritual heads and benevolent people.

After our Kazhagam came to power, many temple renovation works are going on. This function is a continuation of those works. As far as renovation works are concerned, we are not doing them on our own. An expert committee has been formed and based on the recommendations of the expert committee, these works are executed.

There are 43,000 temples under the control of the HR and CE Department. I would like to register the fact here that the Government has directed the renovation committees that while repairing the dilapidated temples, care should be taken to renovate them without changing their original structure. At the same time, the basic facilities should be provided to the devotees coming to the temples.

To undertake the temple works, regional and state-level committees have been formed. The renovation works are carried out only after getting the permission of the committees. The committees have given permission for renovation works of 3,986 temples.

The 112 heritage temples which are more than 1,000 year old, are to be renovated without affecting their traditional structure and for that purpose, Rs. 100 crore has been allotted.

Four special advisors have been appointed, one each with headquarters in Chennai, Kovai, Tiruchi and Madurai to give suggestions for

repairing the tanks belonging to the temples and a separate advisor for giving advice on protecting the age-old paintings in temples.

When the demand for the HR and CE Department was submitted in the Legislative Assembly, the Minister concerned, Thiru. Sekar Babu made a number of announcements. Due to lack of time in the Legislative Assembly, he only made important announcements. Other announcements, he said would be recorded as spoken.

When I came to the function, I asked the Minister Sekar Babu, how many announcements have been executed. To my question, he proudly said that of the 112 announcements made during the year 2021-2022, renovation works and improvement of basic amenities have been carried out in 3,769 temples, through 91 announcements.

Of the 165 announcements made during 2022-2023, renovation works are going on in 2,578 temples, through 135 announcements. For this I congratulate the Minister, Secretary, Commissioner and the officials who stood with the Minister.

Now the present function is one that had not been mentioned in the announcements in the Budget speech 2022-2023. That means we are executing works which have been announced as well as those not promised by us. This is the Dravidian Model Government. You should know about this.

In the current financial year, renovation works are to be carried out in 5,078 temples, including 1,250 temples in Adi Dravidar and tribal areas and 1,250 temples in villages. This is our Government's aim.

If you want to know who was responsible for the resumption of the Rath festival of the famous Tiruvarur Temple? It is our Muthamizharignar Dr.Kalaignar. All the roads through which the chariots move have been re-laid, said our leader Dr.Kalaignar said, in the presence of Thanthai Periyar at a function, that the temple chariot is to run for a few days, but it is the people who use those roads for 365 days.

Temples are the symbols of our rich heritage, art and culture. They exhibit our skills. It is our duty to protect them. The Government is functioning with that motive. Temples should serve as places of equality. Our full concentration is on that only.

No man should be discriminated on the basis of caste. Listen carefully. No man should be discriminated on the basis of birth. That is the reason we brought the law that makes all people, irrespective of their caste, have the right to become priests.

We issued the order that our Mother Tamil should ring in all temples across the State.

Our temples should be symbols of social equality.

Not only among humans, temples are differentiated as village temples, prosperous temples and poor temples.

Whether it is a village temple or poor temple or temples in Adi Dravida areas, the present Government treats all the temples equally. That is the Dravidian Model Government.

The Government does not have religion-caste discrimination and temples-god discrimination. We are looking after all places of worship with utmost care. That is the reason why the spiritual scholars sitting on the dais and others elsewhere are supporting this Government.

We need your encouragement. Continue to encourage us. For those who ridicule us and comment against us, this function and this dais are the answer. We work on all days and will continue to work hard till everyone gets everything. Till that objective is achieved, the Dravidian Model Government will continue to work. I can give this assurance on this occasion. With these words I once again extend my greetings to all and take leave of you.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

Pledge against Untouchability

News in Picture

In connection with the death anniversary of Uthamar Gandhi Adigal, which is observed as Martyrs Day, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** administered pledge against untouchability at the Secretariat on 30.01.2023. On the occasion, the Hon'ble Speaker Thiru. M.Appavu, Hon'ble Ministers, MPs, MLAs, the Chief Secretary, Government higher officials and employees also took the pledge.

School Education Department

Directorate of Public Libraries

Tamil Nadu Text book and Educational Services Corporation

Hon'ble Chief Minister opens Chennai literary festival

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** after inaugurating "Chennai Literary Festival 2023" at the Anna Centenary Library on 06.01.2023.

At the outset I extend my hearty welcome to all of you.

First of all, I extend my welcome to Thiru.Paul Zacharia, one of the leading writers of Kerala.

Thiru. Zacharia uses art not only for the sake of art, but also for the sake of people. He has extended his greetings for our various efforts and we take those greetings as impetus and work more vigorously. Similarly, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to writers and creators, who have assembled here in large numbers.

Tamil is known for its sweetness; it is equal to our very life. That is how Tamil is portrayed by Poet Bharathidasan. We have gathered here for the sake of the Tamil language.

It is most appropriate that the conference is being held in the Anna Centenary Library, which has been named after our great leader

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** visited the exhibition of "Two Centuries of Tamil Print Culture - Magazines

Perarignar Anna. There is no other place which is more apt for conducting this conference than this place.

I am really elated to participate in this conference attended by great creative writers, authors, film directors and people belonging to the drama field.

I am really proud to inaugurate the conference not only as the Chief Minister of the State, but also as an individual whose mother tongue is Tamil.

DMK rule in Tamil Nadu is synonymous with Tamil rule. The rule of the DMK is the rule of the Tamil literary movement.

- We have named the State 'Tamil Nadu', which has a history of over 2,000 years.
- No one can forget that it is our leader Muthamizharignar Thalaivar Kalaignar, who got the classical language status for the Tamil Language.
- The name 'Madras' was changed to Chennai.
- Sri and Srimathi were replaced legally by Thiru and Thirumathi.
- We set up Valluvar Kottam in the capital and a 133 feet Thiruvalluvar statue at Kanniyakumari.
- We propagated Thirukkural on all fronts.
- We made people say, Tamil Vazhga.
- We have set up Poompuhar Kottam showing the greatness of Silappadhikaram.
- We established the right to worship in Tamil in temples.
- Tamil was made the official language of the State.

- Through the Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation all subjects were translated into Tamil and more than 1,000 books were published.
- We made Tamil as the computer language.
- We laid the foundation for Tamil as a medium of instruction, which made students to study in Tamil in schools and colleges.
- We organized the World Tamil Conference.
- We organised the World Tamil Classical conference.
- We funded Dravidian University.
- We hosted International TamilNet conference in 1999.
- We made Tamizh Thai Vaazhthu compulsory in all functions.
- We have installed the statues of Avvaiyar, Kannagi, Kambar, Veeramamunivar, G.U.Pope, V.O.C, Bharathiyar and Bharathidasan on the Marina Beach.
- Tholkappiar Poonga was set up during DMK's rule.
- It was the DMK that declared the day after the Pongal festival as Thiruvalluvar day with Government holiday.

We can go on listing our achievements. That is the reason why DMK rule is called Tamil rule. We have been taking various measures during the last one-and-a-half years for the development of the language.

Books of Tamil scholars have been nationalized, Meetings are organized on the birth anniversaries of Tamil writers, Sangam Literature classics are sold at subsidized prices, a Dravidian Encyclopedia, the Kalaignar Ezhuthukol award to Journalists, Rs. 2.50 crore has been contributed for setting up a Tamil Chair in Houston University in the USA, Rs.1.25 crore was donated to Cologne University in Germany for the continuation of the Tamil Department, Rs. 5 crore for starting separate department of Tamil Literary Studies at JNU in New Delhi, Little magazines for libraries. Ilakkiya Maamani Award. Houses for award-winning Tamil writers, Thisaithorum Dravidam project, Kural award, Muthamizharignar Translation Scheme and 'Theerakaadhal Thirukkural' events are some of the measures implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu for protecting and promoting Tamil.

As a crown to all these measures, this literary festival is being organized now. I would like to congratulate and thank the Ministers who are responsible for this. I appreciate the work done by the School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh for his commendable work.

Likewise, the Directorate of Public Libraries is doing exceptionally well and so also the Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation.

The School Education Department, Directorate of Public Libraries and the Tamil Nadu Text Book Corporation are jointly organizing the Literary Festival.

We conducted Porunai Festival in Nellai, Cauvery Festival in Thanjavur, Siruvani Festival in Coimbatore, Vaigai Festival in Madurai and are now celebrating the main festival in the Capital.

Many renowned writers are here to address the festival. The sum total of these five festivals

can be said to be the Tamil Nadu Tamil festival conference.

At this conference, I am happy to release 100 books with your support. This conference is being organized in a grand manner.

The School Education Department, Tamil Development Department, Information Department and Tamil Virtual Academy, all part of the Government of Tamil Nadu, are vying with one another to publish books that can compete with the big publishers. In the last one year, a number of new publications have been released.

- In this conference, the English translation by senior journalist Vijayshankar of the book, ‘A Grand Tamil Dream’ on Arignar Anna, published by Tamil Thisai Pathippagam has been released.
- An American researcher called Robert Hardgrave wrote a book in English in 1965 on the Dravidian Movement. It was a book written even before the party had come to power. We have published the book after getting permission.
- An anthology featuring Inamana Perasiriyar is to be released soon.
- Pathuppattu has been released.
- The Kalai Kalanjiyam encyclopedia is to be published as an archival edition.
- Books on medicine have been published in Tamil.

All these books portray the greatness of Tamil, its richness, the political and social history of Tamil Nadu, Tamil culture and Tamil Nadu and they are all educative to the present younger generation. I congratulate everyone who planned, executed, created and published these books.

49 years ago on January 16 , 1974, the then Chief Minister, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar spoke after releasing 176 college books on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation.

“Studying Tamil is different from studying in Tamil. We must clearly understand the difference between the two.

Studying Tamil means studying sangam literature, epics, poems and our ancient works Studying Tamil is required.

Studying Tamil means studying History, studying Geography, studying Economics. It is necessary to study various fields. Studying Tamil is require, but more than that, it is very necessary to study in Tamil. They spoke about the need to increase the wealth of knowledge in Tamil language as it is necessary for all kinds of future development in Tamil Nadu. After that, if you ask which is the biggest book release event in Tamil Nadu I think it will be this event.

Dr.Kalaignar also mentioned one thing in the conference. “Language should be respected”.

That is what is needed today.

Language is the life of a race. Literature is the heart of a race. No one should forget it.

This is the race where youths sacrificed their lives to protect the language. Though the Dravidian Movement is a political movement, right from the beginning it has been functioning as a movement to preserve the language.

Theena Muna Kaana

No political party in the country or in any State flowered as a literary movement. DMK has grown in this manner. ‘Theena Muna Kaana, Thirukkural Munnetra Kazhagam’ sang actor N.S.K.in one of his films.

Though Kalaignar was a political leader, his Kuraloviyam and Sangathamizh will be remembered as long as Tamil lives.

Valluvar Kottam in Chennai and 133 feet Thiruvalluvar statue in Kumari are timeless and majestic icons today.

I am saying this because a language cannot grow only by attachment to it. The language should be developed only by feeling and knowledge. That is why we conduct such literary festivals.

Today’s younger generation should be nourished with the Tamil spirit and the spirit of Tamil literature. Literature is what makes a man cultured.

* When religion and casteism divide people, Thiruvalluvar’s single line, ‘Pirappokkum Ella Uyirkkum’ unites all human beings.
* The line ‘Yaadum Oorey Yaavarum Kelir’ will remove all differences in human society.
* Vallalar’s line, ‘I was saddened whenever I saw a withering crop’ will melt the heart even of an unfeeling person.
* Can there be anything more conducive to self confidence than the Kural which says that efforts will definitely pay!

I need not tell you about all the personalities of contemporary Tamil cinema. You know it already.

All the world famous books are translated here and Tamil works are translated and published in many languages of the world.

Starting this year, we are going to hold the International Book Fair here. All classic Tamil works are going to be translated into world languages.

Tamil works should be read more by Tamils. For that, the student community has to develop an insatiable interest in Tamil and Tamil literature right from their youth.

Such festivals which are organized in a very elaborate manner like creative stage, culture workshop, children’s literature theatre and performing artist will help create interest in literature.

Our mentor Arignar Anna, before going to hospital for surgery, requested doctors to delay the operation as he wanted to complete the book he was reading.

Maveeran Bhagat Singh was reading even while going to the gallows. Only those who know history can create history.

Only those who study literature can understand our society. Literature is not a pastime or entertainment. It should be our aim and character.

Literature should become a great movement.

Just like book fairs are held in the Districts, literary festivals too should also be organized in the Districts.

This should not just be an event for which people meet and then disperse. This should be a meeting that brings productive results. That is my desire. Once again I wish the festival my heartfelt good wishes, and conclude my speech.

Inauguration of the 46th Chennai Book Fair at YMCA grounds, Nandanam, Chennai

Hon'ble Chief Minister lists slew of steps taken by his Government to foster Tamil writers and writing

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** while inaugurating the 46th Book Fair at YMCA grounds, Nandanam, Chennai on 06.01.2023.

At the outset, I welcome you all on the occasion of the inauguration of the 46th Chennai Book Fair organized by the Booksellers and Publishers of South India. I have come here not to make any long oration or keynote address but a brief speech.

Only this morning, I inaugurated a literary festival at the Centenary Memorial Library, named after our mentor Arignar Anna, who named the State as Tamil Nadu. I have the opportunity to inaugurate this book fair in the evening. As far as I am concerned, both these functions are festivals, that too literary festivals. To be précise, it is apt to say that both are Tamil festivals.

You all know that a Tamil Government is ruling Tamil Nadu. These two functions, the first in the morning and the second in the evening, are testimony to that. Once

Porkizhi Awardees

upon a time, book fairs were held only in Chennai. Subsequently, some Districts got the opportunity. District Collectors and local leaders interested in reading books, took steps to conduct book exhibitions in their respective districts.

Last year our Government issued an order directing all Districts to organize book exhibitions and allotted Rs. 5.50 crore for the same. As a result, in most of the Districts, the book fairs are being conducted. These book fairs not only encouraged sale of books but also promoted literary lectures by scholars, thereby leading to a literary renaissance throughout the Districts.

Normally, the Chennai Book Fair used to receive Rs.75 lakh on behalf of the State Government. Last year, when the livelihood of publishers was affected due to Corona pandemic, the Association appealed to the Government for additional funds. The Government immediately accepted their request and sanctioned Rs. 50 lakh on behalf of the Government. I know that this fund was distributed to the publishers -Rs. 14,000 each to 277 publishers and Rs. 10,000 each to 113 publishers. The aim of extending assistance to publishers and honouring authors is to spread knowledge throughout the state.

Perarignar Anna desired that every house should have a library. To achieve that motive, the Government has been extending assistance for the organization of literary festivals. Our Muthamizharignar Kalaignar had a perennial love for the Tamil language, for Tamil books, writings and Tamil writers. When our leader visited the inaugural function of a similar Book Fair in 2008, he sanctioned Rs. One crore and announced Porkizhi Award to Tamil authors. I heartily congratulate authors who have received the Award which is named after the leader of the Tamil race, Dr. Kalaignar.

The award winners are: Linguistic scholar Pa.Ra. Subramanian, Poet Devadevan,

Special Issue sales was started

Translator C. Mohan, Drama artiste Pralayan, Novelist Devibharathi and short story writer Chandra Thangaraj. I extend my greetings to all of them, not only as the Chief Minister but also as the son of a person, who loved Tamils and Tamil publishers as his very life. The total number of persons who have received the awards since 2008 has touched the 100 mark. I am really happy to find the coincidence that the coming year is to be the birth centenary of Dr. Kalaignar.

For Dr. Kalaignar, honouring Tamil writers and their writings was a natural instinct and part of his life. Political differences did not come in the way of his congratulating the best Tamil authors and he did not hesitate to appreciate them.

It is important to appreciate the best writing and that is the reason Dr.Kalaignar sanctioned Rs. One crore on that occasion. That fund is being utilized for felicitating the authors even after their demise. At the inaugural function of the book fair in the year 2007, the then Chief Minister, Dr.Kalaignar announced that a gigantic library would come up in Chennai. That library is the Anna Centenary Library in Chennai.

Similarly, the present Government has planned to set up a library in the name of Dr. Kalaignar at a cost of Rs. 114 crore and the construction work is going on. I am happy to inform you that the library will be open to the public soon.

This Dravidian Model Government is taking many steps to foster Tamil. These include, nationalising the Tamil books of great scholars, holding meetings on the birth anniversaries of authors, release Sangam period books at subsidized prices, creation of Dravidian lexicon, giving Kalaignar Ezhuthukol award to journalists, establishing chairs for Classical

Tamil in international universities, providing small magazines to libraries, conferring Ilakkiya Mamani Awards, giving dream house for the winners of prestigious literary awards, implementing 'Thisaithorum Dravidam' project and Muthamizharignar Translation Scheme. These are all some of the Tamil Protection schemes of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

I am proud to say that the Government of Tamil Nadu itself is releasing books, competing with private publishers: 25 books were released under the Thisaithorum Dravidam scheme; 46 books through Muthamizharignar Translation Scheme; 59 books through Ilanthalir Ilakkiya Scheme, Pathupattu in the series of Sangam Literature books; publishing of Kalai Kalanjiyam as a document edition; 2 books of great personalities, who have completed 100 years, 2 books of V.O.C collections and 17 books, in the series of nationalized books. I am happy to announce that so far 173 books have been released in the last one-and-a-half years. That is the reason I said that the Government is competing with the private publishers in releasing books. Caldwell's Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian family of Languages was translated by linguist Pa.Ra. Subramaniam. I am happy to know that he has received the Award in the name of Dr.Kalaignar.

Today alone, I have released 100 books and I think that this is the biggest book release function in Tamil Nadu. Dr. Kalaignar announced that a site would be allotted in Chennai for setting up a permanent Book Exhibition and last year also I recollected that assurance. I am happy to inform you that as soon as the site is selected, an announcement will be made. Various welfare activities are being implemented to encourage Tamil writing and Tamil authors. I do not know how many writers, scholars, literary magazines and newspapers appreciate our activities. But we are not doing all this for the sake of appreciation. Nobody can deny or forget the schemes implemented by this Government. In the last one year alone, we have done many things for the Tamil language and for authors.

Book fairs and literature festivals should help foster Tamil feeling in the present generation. If a language disintegrates, the race disintegrates, if the race disintegrates, then our culture will also disintegrate. Then, we will lose our identity. If we lose our identity then we lose our values. After losing values, there is no point in living. So, it is the duty of Tamil scholars to protect the language like a political movement. To protect the language, people should be used as letters. I conclude my speech by thanking you again with warm greetings to all for giving me this opportunity to express my thoughts.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates payment of crop insurance to 2.21 lakh farmers

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurates distribution by handing over compensation orders to 5 farmers- 10.01.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the Secretariat on 10.01.2023, on behalf of the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, inaugurated distribution of compensation of Rs.284 crore to 2.02 lakh farmers, whose crops were damaged by natural calamities during the Rabi season in 2021-2022 and Rs.34.30 crore to 19,282 farmers in Mayiladuthurai District, under crop failure during 2022-2023. Totally, Rs.318.30 crore will be paid as compensation to 2.21 lakh farmers and as a token, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the scheme by distributing compensation orders to 5 farmers.

Crop Insurance Scheme is implemented throughout Tamil Nadu, except Chennai, since 2016-2017. From 2020-2021, this scheme is implemented with the Union Government's premium subsidy of up to 30 per cent in the case of rain-fed lands and 25 per cent in case of irrigated lands with State Government's share of 60 per cent and 65 percent.

During the Rabi season 2021-2022, the scheme was implemented as a joint insurance

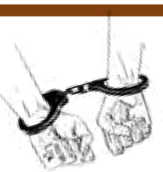
scheme in 14 clusters in 37 districts taking the risk in 80:20 share by the Agriculture Insurance Company of India and the IFFCO- Tokio General Insurance Corporation with the participation of the State Government.

During the Rabi Season of 2021-2022, the State Government paid its share of Rs.276.85 crore as premium to the insurance companies. The Insurance companies have approved payment of Rs.284 crore as compensation to 2.02 lakh farmers with the Indian Agriculture Insurance Corporation paying Rs.152 crore and the IFFCO- Tokio General Insurance Corporation paying Rs. 132 crore.

Last year in November, due to heavy rains in Mayiladuthurai District, standing Samba crops in over 80,357 acres were affected. In the year 2022-2023, under the Crop Insurance Scheme, it was announced that 75 per cent of the one-month old samba crops in 87 revenue villages out of total 277 revenue villages in the district were submerged in rainwater. As the per rules of the Crop Insurance Scheme, crop failure was announced in more than75 per cent of the areas in 87 revenue villages and Rs.34.30 crore was sanctioned to facilitate payment of compensation to the affected 19,282 farmers in the ongoing year of crop insurance itself, with each farmer getting Rs.8,762 per acre.

About 2.21 lakh farmers will get a compensation of Rs.318.30 crore under the Crop Insurance Scheme. As a token, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the distribution of compensation by handing over the necessary orders to 5 farmers.

Hon’ble Chief Minister replies to question on Virugambakkam incident



Reply of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin,** in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 11.01.2023, to the question raised by the Hon’ble Leader of the Opposition regarding the Virugambakkam incident.

Hon’ble Speaker,

The Leader of the Opposition has raised a question here about an incident that took place in Virugambakkam. I would like to give my clarification.

Rather than running away and hiding after making the charge, he should have stayed to listen to my answer. That indeed would have been proper. That is why I said, I won’t hide, I am prepared to answer.

On 31.12.2022 at 10.45 pm, the female constable lodged a complaint at R-5 Virugambakkam Police Station and immediately an FIR was filed. The case was registered under Section 353, 354 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act and was taken up for investigation. The Police Inspector questioned the constables and witnesses present at the spot and examined the CCTV footage.

Following this, Pravin Kumar and Ekambaram involved in the incident, were arrested at 10 pm on 03.01.2023 and sent to judicial custody on the morning of 04.01.2023. I am asking the same question whether the ADMK regime has taken action in any case, like registering an FIR, conducting an investigation and arrest within 72 hours.

It was the AIADMK Government that let two women police officers in the rank of SP go from pillar to post on such a complaint.

As far as this Government is concerned, I would like to say that whoever is involved in such crimes against women and women police will be punished severely.

The Leader of the Opposition, at the beginning of his speech, said that overall, daily looting, murder and robberies are going on.

- Five persons were killed in police firing at Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram District, at the memorial function of Immanuel Sekaran. Under whose Government?
- Four persons were killed in the bomb hurling incident during Thevar Jayanthi function at Madurai. Under whose Government?
- Tiruppachetti Sub-Inspector Anvin Sudhan was murdered at Sivagangai, in 2012, under whose Government?

- Kanniyakumari Sub-Inspector Wilson was shot dead during whose reign?
- 13 innocent persons died in the Thoothukudi Sterlite firing. Did this incident not happen under the ADMK Government?
- During the protest against the Kudankulam plant, the police lathi-charged people and the IG was dragged by the people and his pistol was lost. It was during your reign.
- Does not the Pollachi incident suffice for the ADMK Government?
- ADMK Government was in power when a law and order problem arose following the Vanniyar Sangam conference and a hundred vehicles were burnt and a thousand vehicles damaged.
- It was during the ADMK Government that the Police Department Personnel themselves set fire to public vehicles and lathi-charged protestors who sought permission to conduct jallikattu
- Lockup violence in Sathankulam in which a father and son were beaten to death in the police station.

Such incidents did not happen during our rule. They happened when the ADMK Government was in power.

As far as this Government is concerned, under the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam regime, action is taken against any offender regardless of party or politics. I resume my seat with this as my reply to the accusation made by the Leader of the Opposition.

News in Picture

Review meeting on Tamil Nadu State Policy on Women- 2023

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** conducted a review meeting on Tamil Nadu State Policy on Women – 2023, at the Secretariat on 31.01.2023. On the occasion, the Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Tmt.P.Geetha Jeevan, Chief Secretary Dr.V. Irai Anbu I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary for Finance, Thiru. N.Muruganandam I.A.S., Principal Secretary for Social Welfare, Thiru.Shunchonngam Jatak Chiru I.A.S. , Joint Secretary for Social Welfare, Tmt. R.Seethalakshmi I.A.S., Director of Social Welfare, Tmt. D.Rathna I.A.S. and Additional Director of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Tmt. S.P.Karthikaa, I.A.S., and Government high officials participated.

Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasizes the importance of Art in fostering creativity among students

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** on 12.01.2023, at the Nehru indoor stadium, Chennai, at the arts festival held by the School Education Department.

First of all I extend my warm greetings to students who have triumphed in the state-level competitions held on behalf of the School Education Department.

Your victory is no small victory. You have won by competing with thousands of competitors.

The basic reasons for your victory are your courage, self-confidence and intelligence. You should utilize these characteristics throughout your life. 'Kuzhandhai Kavignar'Azha Valliappa wrote in one of his poems that boys who go to school carrying books today, will become leaders guiding the nation in the future. You too are going to be the leaders who will protect Tamil Nadu in the years to come. You must consider this as your first victory.

This art show has been organized on behalf of the School Education Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu. Beyond lessons, textbooks and classrooms, the Department is experimenting with other teaching methods to stimulate the intelligence and artistic creativity of students.

I appreciate the Department for sowing the seeds of interest about our folk arts in students. In this festival, 28 lakh 53 thousand and 882 students studying between 6th and 12th standard belonging to 13 thousand 210 Government schools have participated. I congratulate the Hon'ble School Education Minister, Brother Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi for this. I also congratulate the high officials of the Department, teachers and parents.I congratulate the Department for planting the seed of art in the hearts of students.

By integrating art and culture in school education, the thinking capacity of students will improve and become stronger. Your self-confidence will grow.

A time-table for art has been created for students studying between 6th and 9th standards, to provide art training and to bring out their hidden artistic talent. The entire co-ordination is done by a teacher interested in art. With the participation of state-level observers, a scheme has been prepared for all art forms and based on that the scheme is implemented in schools. In this connection, art competitions are conducted. It is in these that you have won prizes.

On behalf of the Government, the titles 'Kalaiarasan' and 'Kalaiarasi' are given. We are taking the first 20 students for an educational tour of foreign countries. During the challenging times of our life, the arts we learnt serve as a medicine and balm to the heart. I again and again congratulate the school education department for conceiving the

idea of this festival which kindles the intelligence and creativity of students.

The Department not only induces interest in art among students, it also creates pride among them about their art and culture.

In the past one-and-a-half years, various welfare schemes for students of Government schools have been started:

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has allocated an unprecedented amount of Rs.36,895 crore for the school education department and is implementing various welfare schemes for the students studying in Government schools;
- Illam Thedi Kalvi;
- My dream scheme – Naan Mudhalvan; school upgradation committees and
- Ennum Ezhuthum;

All these schemes have created a new upsurge among Government school students in Tamil Nadu.

- 7.5 per cent reservation of internal allotment has been provided for the Government school students in engineering and medicine courses and the Government will meet their education and hostel fees.
- Girl students who study in Government schools and join higher studies will get Rs. 1,000 per month under the Pudhumai Penn Scheme. This has benefited thousands of girl students.
- Children who need special attention will be identified at the earlier stage and they will be provided preparatory training, proper medical treatment, gadgets and admitted in proper classes. They will also be given proper advice for securing a complete education.
- In all Government middle schools, higher vocational educational laboratories will be set up.
- In Government Higher Secondary Schools, steps are being taken to set up smart classrooms.
- A toll free 24-hour telephone service (14,417) will be provided for the guidance of students regarding education.

- A Model School Scheme is being implemented to give special training in the 11th and 12th Classes to the best 10th class students.
- To develop the multi-dimensional skills of students in Government schools, children's films are being screened in schools since last year.
- To improve the scientific and mathematical skills of students from 6th to 8th classes, Vanavil Mandrams are functioning in 13,210 Government schools. The Government has been implementing various schemes in this manner.

You should not be complacent after participating in one game and winning the prize. You should not be satisfied that after completing your education you got a job and got married. You should not be satisfied that you have a good salary. You should continue your artistic activities along with your job.

I wish that your knowledge should flower as artistic knowledge, academic and rational knowledge. With this I conclude my speech wishing you the best in your life.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

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Photo Exhibition highlighting the Achievements of the Government of Tamil Nadu

The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development **Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin** declared open a Photo Exhibition highlighting the achievements of the Government of Tamil Nadu, titled 'Mudhalvarin Muthana Thittangal', at the inner road of Marina Beach, opposite to Vivekanandar Illam, on 01.02.2023. On the occasion, the Hon'ble Minister for HR and CE Thiru. P.K.Sekar Babu, and the Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation. Tmt. R.Priya were also present.

Hon'ble Chief Minister tells non resident Tamils:

' Though seas and continents separate us, Tamil unites us'

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** at the 'Non-Resident Tamils Day 2023' celebrations at Kalaivanar Arangam on 12.01.2023.

My warm regards to all of you.

We have all gathered here as Tamils, with the feelings of Tamils and thinking of Tamils.

Our leader Dr.Kalaignar used to praise Tamil in manifold ways in a poetic manner. But in whatever manner you call Tamil, it is always a pleasure to address Tamil directly as Tamizhe. We have all assembled here today proudly for such a language.

Not yesterday or today, but for over two to three thousand years Tamil Nadu has had links with other countries. You have come here as a continuation of such a link and representatives of Tamil Nadu in alien lands.

Hoary Tamil Nadu has towns like Poompuhar, Korkai and Thondi which are of historical fame like Athens and the Roman towns. Tamils crossed the oceans and seas and had friendship and links with the people in alien lands.

The Chola kingdom had naval forces, which were used not only for battles but also for cultural relations. The evidence of those links is still found in Southeast Asian countries.

The Sangam work Pattinappalaai has mentioned that the Poompuhar at Kaveripattinam Port during Chola Dynasty was involved in export and import with many countries.

During the course of time, Tamils were forced by circumstances to migrate to other countries for education and employment. Tamils were forced to go as workers to Malaya, Fiji, Sri Lanka, South Africa and Madagascar islands because of circumstances. Wherever Tamils went, they brought prosperity not only to the adopted land but for themselves. You are all the descendants of those people.

Tamils, who have settled in foreign countries, through their hard work and sacrifice, have brought fame to their native language as well as to Tamil Nadu by making themselves an unavoidable force in politics, the professions and economy of those countries. Wherever they go, they keep their native language and their nation in their hearts. They planted Tamil in those nations. The non-resident Tamils through their dynamism, research skills and greatness of their contribution have attained covetable posts and remain a formidable force.

However, some unfortunate incidents have also occurred. Apart from that, they have also faced health problems.

That was the reason why our leader Dr.Kalaignar, during his fifth term as the Chief Minister of the State, made attempts in the year 2010 to form a separate Department for the welfare and protection of Non-resident Tamils.

Dr.Kalaignar knew the pulse of Tamils wherever they lived. He has expressed this in his revolutionary film 'Parasakthi'. He aptly described the position of non-resident Tamils in alien nations as 'Born in a country but forced to survive in another country'.

The pen which described the feelings of non-resident Tamils, also evolved a scheme to alleviate their sufferings. He formed a separate wing in the Rehabilitation Department for the welfare of non-resident Tamils.

In the 2011 Election manifesto, the DMK gave the promise of the formation of a separate Department. But the party did not get an opportunity to implement its poll promises. Unfortunately, a gap had occurred between you and the native land for 10 years, similar to the break between the DMK and the Government.

This Dravidian Model Government, which was formed after the 2021 Assembly Elections,

in its election manifesto promised a separate department for non-resident Tamils. As per the manifesto, a separate Department for non-resident Tamils was formed and a separate Minister was also appointed. To recognize the services of Tamil associations in alien lands, which helped Tamils in their lands at the time of crisis, to undertake the teaching of Tamil culture and language to the Non-Resident Tamils' next generation and for the welfare of non-resident Tamils, it was decided to celebrate January 12th every year as 'World Tamils Day'. That was not a mere announcement. My presence here along with you is a proof of that.

Not only that, on September 24 last year, at a function in Anna University, I made an announcement regarding formation of Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam, with an allotment of Rs.One crore. Through this body, Tamil books and gadgets have been released for easy learning of the language. Facility has been created for learning Tamil online. We have also formed a Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Association under the chairmanship of Thiru. Karthikeya Sivasenathipathi, with Tamils living in other states and other countries as non-official members and Government officials for providing welfare assistance to non-resident Tamils.

Yes. We do what we promise. That is Dr.Kalaignar's Government.

In the last one year we have done the following for non-resident Tamils.

We brought the bodies of 288 Tamils, who had died in alien lands;

We managed to get salary arrears and compensation for the deceased and provided high-class treatment for those who were medically ill. Such works are being implemented with the help of the Indian Embassy and Tamil associations there.

We have also planned to provide identity cards, insurance schemes and marriage and educational assistance to the NRT family members.

Already the Government has taken many initiatives for the welfare of the non-resident Tamils. Particularly, during the COVID pandemic, we brought 80,000 Tamils to Tamil Nadu safely. As they had lost their jobs, the Government floated a new scheme by providing bank loans with subsidies through Micro, Small and Medium Industries.

During last year's Russia-Ukraine war, we facilitated the rescue of 1,890 medical students with the help of the Union Government and Tamil Associations of neighbouring countries. Of these, 1,524 students were sent to their native homes at Government expense.

When there was a severe food crisis in Sri Lanka, we sent food articles, milk powder, and life-saving drugs worth Rs. 174 crore to the island on humanitarian ground, which helped relieve the sufferings of the native people.

Whenever the DMK forms the Government, it protects Tamils all over the world even as the eyelids protect the eyes. The Government evolves welfare schemes with motherly touch for Tamils throughout the world, taking into consideration their protection and advancement.

On the occasion of World Tamils Day, I am happy to make certain announcements.

Firstly, a detailed study will be made about non-resident Tamils who are living abroad permanently and temporarily during various times and their records will be documented.

Secondly, about 200 children of non-resident Tamils will be selected every year for a cultural tour of the State so that they do not forget their Tamil roots.

Thirdly, a monthly pension scheme will be implemented for the families whose bread winners die in harness and fourthly, a database for those aspiring to go abroad will be created.

I once again assure the non-resident Tamils that the State Government will implement various welfare schemes for protecting their interests. A man who is occupying the post of Chief Minister, is here for you as one among you.… like your elder brother, younger brother and your sibling. This Government will always be helpful to you. Extend your co-operation to the Government which has been formed by you. We will all travel together.

Though we are separated by seas and continents, we are united by Tamil.

I am sure that the life of Tamils, living throughout the world will prosper and Tamil Nadu will flourish. Let us come together with Tamil, let us further the cause of Tamil and that of the Tamil people.

I conclude my speech by wishing everyone a happy Pongal.

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Statue of
Veerapandiya Kattabomman

Statue of
Marudhu Pandiyargal

Statue of
'Kappalottiya Tamizhan'
V.O.Chidambaranar

Statues of great leaders installed by the Information and Public Relations Department

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin,** unveiled the statues of Veerapandiya Kattabomman and Maruthu Pandiyargal, and 'Kappalottiya Tamizhan' V.O.Chidambaranar, installed by the Information and Public Relations Department, and paid floral tribute to them, at Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai on 14.02.2023. The Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Dr. K.Ponmudy, Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity Thiru. M.P. Saminathan, the Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation, Tmt. R.Priya, the Secretary of the Tamil Development and Information Department, Dr.R.Selvaraj, I.A.S., and the Director of Information and Public Relations Thiru. D. Mohan, I.A.S., and Government Higher officials also paid their respects to the late leaders.

MoU between TAMIN, IREL for extraction and marketing of coastal mineral resources

In the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin,** a MoU was signed on 09.01.2023 between Tamil Nadu Minerals Ltd. and IREL (India) Ltd. for commercial extraction and marketing of coastal mineral resources.

An MoU was signed between Tamil Nadu Minerals Ltd. and IREL (India) Ltd. in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin, on 09.01.2023 at the Secretariat, for starting a new company for commercial extraction and marketing of coastal minerals.

It is the vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister that the mineral resources available in Tamil Nadu should be scientifically mined without polluting the environment, thereby leading to the setting up of various sub-industries to increase productivity and create employment opportunities for the rural people.

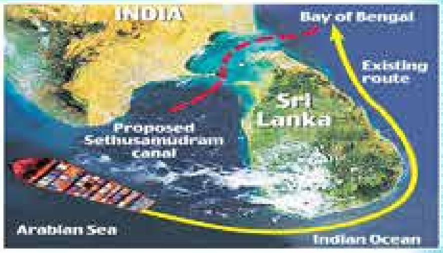
According to the Nuclear Minerals Permit Act, mining permits for coastal minerals should be granted only to Government agencies and Government-owned or Government-controlled companies. IREL (India) Ltd. of the Union Government and the Tamil Nadu Minerals Ltd. of the Government of Tamil Nadu have decided to enter into an MoU for extraction and marketing of the coastal mineral resources of the southern districts of Tamil Nadu, especially minerals such as garnet, ilmenite, zircon and rutile.

Accordingly, in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Tamil Nadu Minerals Ltd. and IREL (India) to start a new company. The MoU will enable the extraction of coastal minerals and their development into value-added products, thereby providing critical minerals for the nuclear industry and other minerals for other industries.

Theri sand reserve identified in this MoU is around 52 million tonnes. With this, it is planned to establish two factories for extracting minerals in Thoothukudi District at Kudiraimozhi and Sathankulam with an investment of Rs. 1,500 crore each and earn an annual revenue of Rs.1,075 crore from each factory. This will bring about economic development in these areas and directly and indirectly create employment for around 4,000 people.

As a preamble to move resolution in Tamil Nadu legislature…

Hon’ble Chief Minister makes strong pitch for implementing Sethusamudram project



Speech delivered by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** before introducing a special resolution on the Sethusamudram Project in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 12.01.2023.

Hon’ble Speaker sir,

I consider it a historic duty to request the House to adopt a resolution on the implementation of the 150-year-old dream, the Sethusamudram Project.

This is a dream project of Perarignar Anna and it is a project that our late leader, Dr.Kalaignar, struggled hard to implement. The project is for the formation of a canal that links the Palk Strait and the Gulf of Mannar, cutting across Adam’s Bridge.

The Project was included in the Fourth Five Year Plan approved by the Cabinet of the First Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru in 1963. In 1967, when the DMK came to power, the then Chief Minister, Perarignar Anna, in his letter to cadres insisted that the project must be implemented. If the project is implemented, it will considerably improve trade, besides reducing the length of journey for ships taking the circuitous route around Sri Lanka. It will improve the standard of living of Tamil Nadu fishermen and will make Tamil Nadu prosperous in every way, the letter added.

In 1972, when the former Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi Ammaiyar came to Thoothukudi to declare open the statue of V.O.Chidambaranar at the entrance of the Thoothukudi Port Trust, the then Chief Minister Dr. Kalaignar insisted upon the implementation of the project. He said that if the benefits due to Thoothukudi Port were to increase further, then it was necessary to have the Sethusamudram Project.

In 1998, the then Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee allotted funds for the project. It was only during the BJP regime that the path for the project was finalized.

When the Congress came to power in 2004, with the DMK as its partner, Rs.2,427 crore was allotted by the UPA Government and 50 per cent of the work was completed. At this stage, the project was put on hold by the BJP for political reasons. The members of the House knew well that the AIADMK general secretary,

Jayalalithaa Ammaiyar, who supported the project in the beginning, changed her stand subsequently and filed a case against it.

If this incident of creating political impediments for the project had not been created, it would have been completed by this time and the State would have reaped many benefits in the last 10 years.

As pointed out by Muthamizharignar Dr. Kalaignar, foreign exchange would have increased, trade and commerce would have improved, the distance and the time of travel by ships would have reduced. The project would have led to formation of small ports. As fishing harbours would be upgraded, trade due to sea-related products would increase, thereby boosting the economy and standard of living of fishermen.

The project has taken into consideration the safety of fishermen. The Sethusamudram Canal will be helpful to fishermen for their movement from the Gulf of Mannar to the Palk Strait. This will prevent the exchange of commodities in ports of other countries, including Sri Lanka. These are all the positive aspects of the project, mentioned by Muthamizharignar Dr. Kalaignar. But these positive aspects did not happen just because of political reasons. I did not want to go into this matter in detail.

A case relating to Sethusamudram Project is pending in the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The BJP Government has said that the project will be implemented in the alternative route. But the Union Minister in Parliament had said that 'it is difficult to specify the type of structure in the Rameswaram sea'. At this stage, I request the Hon'ble Members to adopt this resolution unanimously brought forward by the perception that it is necessary to argue and fight for the implementation of the project.

Resolution:

The Sethusamudram Project is the most important project for economic development of Tamil Nadu as well as the country.

In the year 1860, the project was conceived by Commander Taylor, at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh. In 1955, a committee headed by Dr.A.Ramaswamy Mudaliar, the Union Cabinet meeting in 1963, and a high-level technical committee headed by Dr. Nagendra Singh I.C.S., in 1964 had evaluated the project at various times and designed the Sethusamudram Project. The route for the project was prepared and the scheme reports were prepared for its implementation without affecting the environment.

During the National Democratic Front, the then Hon'ble Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee gave permission for the feasibility study of the project. The route for the project was finalized. After that the front headed by the Congress Party took charge of the Union Government.

The project was approved in the year 2004, at a cost of Rs. 2,427 crore, when Dr.Manmohan Singh was the Prime Minister of the United Progressive Alliance in which the DMK was also a partner. The Project was inaugurated by Dr.Manmohan Singh on 02.07.2005, in the presence of the UPA leader Mrs. Sonia Gandhi and Muthamizharignar Dr.Kalaignar.

Unfortunately the project which would have made the economy of the State boom, especially that of the southern districts, and created employment opportunities to thousands of Tamil Nadu youth, was put on hold. The statement of Hon'ble Union Minister, Jitendra Singh in Parliament that it was difficult to specify the type of structure in the Rameswaram sea area nullifies the reason that had been put forward to block the project.

With the Union Government taking this stand, this House expresses concern over the delay in the execution of the project as such delay would only be a stumbling block in the development and the growth of the State.

The House is of the view that any attempt to prevent the project by some forces would be against the growth of the country. The Union Government should immediately come forward to implement the project, and the State Government would extend all its manner of co-operation to its implementation.

I appeal to all members to support the resolution unanimously. ■

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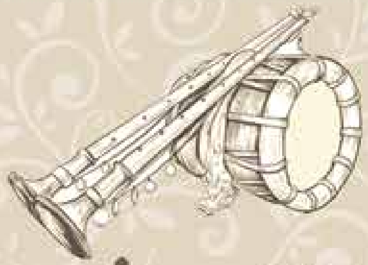
Meet on exemption from NEET examination

Under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** an advisory meeting was held on 18.01.2023 at the Secretariat, to discuss the legal cases relating to exemption from NEET examination for Tamil Nadu students. The Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Thiru. Duraimurugan, the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma.Subramanian, the Chief Secretary, Dr. V. Irai Anbu, I.A.S, the Principal Secretary for Health and Family Welfare Dr.P.Senthil Kumar, I.A.S., Advocate General of Tamil Nadu Thiru. R. Shunmugasundaram, Law Department Secretary Thiru C.Gopi Ravikumar and Government higher officials participated in the meeting.

Hon’ble Chief Minister raises the curtain on Chennai Sangamam

‘The Dravidian movement addressed the pain of common people through various art forms’



The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** declared open the ‘Chennai Sangamam - Namma Ooru Thiruvizha’, organized by the Department of Art and Culture, at the Island Grounds on 13.01.2023. The Hon’ble Chief Minister also witnessed the show, where 40 varieties of arts were performed.

The festival was held in 18 places in Chennai Corporation; Island Grounds; Corporation Playground, Kolathur; Murasoli Maran Flyover Park, Perambur South; Robinson Playground, Royapuram; Nageswara Rao Park and Semmozhi Park, Mylapore; Corporation Boys Higher Secondary School, Nungambakkam; Corporation Play ground, Chintadripet; Corporation Ground Natesan Park (opposite), T.Nagar; Elliots Beach, Thiruvanmiyur Beach, Besant Nagar; Corporation Boys Higher Secondary School ground, Saidapet; Sivan Park, K.K.Nagar; Kalaignar playground, Ramakrishna Nagar, Valasaravakkam; Tower Park, Annanagar; Jainagar Park, Koyambedu; S.V.Playground, Ambattur and Government

Island Grounds, Chennai

Museum, Egmore; The festival was held between 6 p.m and 9 p.m from 14.01.2023 to 17.01.2023.

In the festival, 40 varieties of traditional arts were held, including Naiyandi Melam, Karagattam, Paraiyattam, Puraviattam, Kaavadiattam, Puliattam, Thodar Nadanam, Mayilattam, Silambattam, Villupattu and folk songs (Naattuppura Paattu).

Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the festival, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said, "First of all I extend my Pongal Greetings to all of you. I am really proud to inaugurate the Chennai Sangamam in which the arts of Tamil Nadu and artists converge on the State Capital- Chennai. I thank all those who created an opportunity for me to participate in this function. People who participate in the 'Chennai Sangamam' feel great happiness; they are like people who attend a thiruvizha (festival).

I was very eager to participate in the festival despite being busy with the Assembly session, Government functions, departmental reviews, and various other engagements. But having come here, I don't know how the past hour passed so fast. You too would have had the same experience. Namakkal Kavignar Ramalinganar wrote that there is a race called the Tamil race and that it has special qualities. These were not mere words but an assertion of pride in a culture of thousands of years which has all been documented.

The heart-stirring Silappadhikaram can well be considered an epic as it glorifies the three forms of Tamil -- Prose , Music and Drama (Iyal, Isai and Natakam).

Muthamizharignar Dr. Kalaignar had said that it was drama that came first, followed by music and then prose. It is the Dravidian Movement that completely changed the status of the arts and brought it to the doorstep of marginalized people. Till then, it was the entertainment of the well-to-do people. It was the Dravidian Movement that changed the notion that art is the prerogative of certain

people belonging to the upper class. The Dravidian Movement changed art into an entertainment for all people, thereby hammering the superstitious habits of some people, who tried to bury equality through castes and creeds. It is the Dravidian Movement that addressed the pain of common people through various art forms. It was the Dravidian Movement that spoke the language of the common people. The Dravidian Movement nurtured the arts and was nurtured by the arts.

We utilized drama, cinema and the folk arts for addressing the people. We have been implementing countless schemes for the development of the arts and to make the life of artists bloom. This Government follows the path laid down by Dr.Kalaignar and it is a Government for the welfare of artists.

That is why, in the 2022-2023 Budget, we allotted Rs. 48 crore for the Art and Culture Department, the highest ever so far and made many announcements. Our Government generously allotted funds for the Department to provide many opportunities to the artists for upgrading their living standards, developed the infrastructure of the art schools and provided gadgets for improving the standard of art education.

If art is to grow, artists should not live in penury. For that, they should be given opportunities.

At the time of Corona, artists did not have opportunities. The Government extended many kinds of welfare assistance to them.

- 160 art shows are conducted under the title Kalai Sangamam in all Districts in the

Island Grounds, Chennai

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister about 'Chennai Sangamam, Namma Ooru Thiruvizha'

I extend my greetings to all of you.

Tamils lived with a unique identity of their art, culture and literature. But in later days, they fell prey to ethnic enemies and forgot their identity. It is the Dravidian Movement that retrieved the forgotten identity through Reason and achieved the ethnic upliftment of Tamils. Chennai Sangamam – Namma Ooru Thiruvizha is yet another attempt to restore Tamil Culture.

The flame of art and literature was lit by our leader, Dr.Kalaignar and the Chennai Sangamam – Namma Ooru Thiruvizha is an attempt to protect that flame. The Festival will be held on behalf of the State Government in various places in Chennai from January 13 to 17.

I am launching the Chennai Sangamam- 2023 on January 13 - Friday, at Island Grounds, Chennai. The function will be held in 18 places, where more than 60 performances will be conducted, bringing together over 600 artists from various places for the Chennai Sangamam. Our traditional arts such as Paraiattam, Karagattam and performance by hill tribes will be on show at the Chennai Sangamam. Special foods of various places in the State will also be available. Literary festivals are also to be held. The DMK Government is proud to bring to you these arts which speak of the people and their stories.

There is a race called the Tamils; they have a unique identity. They are experts in the arts and are learned. I appeal to all of you to attend the Festival. Let us all meet at the Festival.

State in places where people gather in large numbers and for that Rs. 1 crore has been allotted.

- 500 folk artists have been paid financial assistance of Rs.10,000 per artist for purchase of musical instruments and other dress materials and for this purpose the Government has allotted Rs.50 lakh.
- For senior Kalaimamani award winners who are in poverty, the 'Porkizhi' amount has been raised from Rs.50,000 to Rs. 1 lakh.
- To encourage skilled artists, the number of District Kalai Mandram Awards will be increased to 15 from 5.
- Rs. 50 lakh has been allotted for organizing Pongal Art Festival in Chennai and 10 Districts on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Iyal, Isai and Nataka Mandram.
- To enable more artists get the welfare assistance through the Tamil Nadu Iyal, Isai and Nataka Mandram, the grant-in aid for the Mandram has been increased to Rs. 3 crore.

Chennai Sangamam, another initiative of Dravidian Movement to reclaim Tamil culture

Chennai Sangamam is a place where Tamil Nadu's Arts and Culture mingle.

Let the world be amazed by the Paraiattam, Karagattam, arts of people living in hills, literary festival and food festival of Chennai Sangamam. Let all people come and let us meet at the Sangamam.

-Social media post of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu ***Thiru. M.K. Stalin***
- 04.01.2023

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To top it all, in Chennai and in Kancheepuram, Tiruchi, Coimbatore, Salem, Thanjavur, Madurai and Tirunelveli, the Divisional Headquarters of the Art and Cultural Department, and in all District headquarters, 'Namma Ooru Thiruvizha' will be conducted. For this Rs. 9.84 crore has been allotted. This Chennai Sangamam-Namma Ooru Thiruvizha, will be organized as a big festival. This festival will be held in 18 places in Chennai Corporation.

In this festival, folk artists, classical artists, artists from other States and thousands of other artists will be participating. The daily honorarium of every artist who shows his skills is to be increased from Rs. 2,000 to Rs.5,000.

Along with the art festival, which is a treat for our eyes, a food festival has also been arranged. Signature dishes from various Districts will be supplied to the participants. Similarly, 'Vazhukkumaram' (greasy pole) and 'Uriyadi' (Breaking the pot) games have been arranged for the people. For Tamil enthusiasts, Kaviarangam and symposiums have been arranged.

Of late, people prefer to live in isolation. This attitude should change.

Our arts are the stuff of real entertainment. They not only entertain us but also elevate us and refine us.

Our arts are the bridges through which all Tamilians can unite. I appeal to you.

Let us foster the arts.

Let us elevate ourselves through the arts.

With these words I conclude my speech by extending my Pongal Greetings to all of you once again.

Nandri, Vanakkam. ■

Hon'ble Chief Minister rings in Vallalar scheme for grants to bodies working for animal welfare

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the Vallalar Biodiversity Reserves Scheme, on behalf of the Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department at a function at Valluvar Kottam, Chennai - 16.01.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on the occasion of the 200th birth anniversary of Vallalar inaugurated the Vallalar Biodiversity Shelters Scheme, on behalf of the Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department at a function in Valluvar Kottam on 16.01.2023. The purpose of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to non-Government institutions and AWOs which maintain injured, abandoned and stray animals, including domesticated animals. The Government has allotted Rs. 20 crore for the Scheme. The Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over as the first instalment, Rs. 88.05 lakh to the society for the society for prevention of cruelty to animals (SPCA), NGOs connected with animal welfare and AWOs.

The life of animals and domesticated animals depends on their owners. Under these circumstances, for various reasons these animals are abandoned by their owners and such animals are forced to fend for themselves. These abandoned animals, during their search for food and shelter get injured and sometimes contract infectious diseases and other ailments due to eating noxious and stale food items.

To protect these abandoned animals, the Government of Tamil Nadu in its 2022-2023 Budget announced that a Biodiversity Shelters Scheme will be launched to provide financial support to the non-Government institutions that protects the abandoned and injured animals, including domesticated animals on the occasion of the 200th birth anniversary of Vallalar, who

was moved at the sight of withering crops. For the scheme, the Government has sanctioned Rs. 20 crore in the current financial year.

As per the announcement, the Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the new scheme, Vallalar Bio-diversity Shelters Scheme on behalf of the Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department.

Under the scheme, to ensure food, medical assistance and emergency treatment to the animals which are injured and affected by diseases, financial assistance will be provided to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), Animal Welfare Organizations (AWOs) and NGOs connected with the welfare of animals for purchase of animal ambulances, constructing homes for the abandoned and injured animals, to control increase of stray dogs through birth control measures and administering Rabies vaccine to dogs.

To provide food and medical assistance to animals, for construction of homes and for purchase of ambulances, the India Project for Animal Fund Nature, Nilgiris; Animal Care Trust – Chennai; Madras Animal Rescue Society – Chennai; Prithvi Animal Welfare Society- Chennai and Bairawa Foundation – Chennai, Rs. 2.14 crore has been allotted and in the first phase cheques for Rs.88.05 lakh were handed over to the organizations by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. ▪

Hon'ble Chief Minister confers awards to Tamil litterateurs and savants

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin distributed the Government of Tamil Nadu Awards - 16.01.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin, on behalf of the Tamil Development Department, distributed the Government of Tamil Nadu awards to 10 Tamil scholars who worked for the development of Tamil literature and the upliftment of Tamil society.

Muthamizharignar Dr. Kalaignar, to honour Tamil poets and Tamil scholars, announced that the second day of the Tamil month of Thai would be celebrated as Thiruvalluvar Thirunal. Muthamizharignar Dr. Kalaignar also declared open Valluvar Kottam in Chennai and installed 133 feet Thiruvalluvar Statue in Kanniyakumari. In 2004, Due to the efforts of Dr.Kalaignar, the Tamil language got Classical Language status.

Following the path of Muthamizharignar Dr.Kalaignar, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, with a view to honouring Tamil scholars and savants announced that September 11, the death anniversary of Poet Bharathiyar, would be celebrated as 'Mahakavi Day', on behalf of the Government. To encourage Tamil writers, the Government of Tamil Nadu also announced 'Ilakkiya Maamani Award', Awards similar to Jnanpeeth and Sahitya Akademi Awards and Dream House Scheme for Tamil writers, who win prestigious awards, in their native districts or in districts of their choice.

In a similar manner, on behalf of the Tamil Development Department, Thiruvalluvar Award for the Year 2023 to Iraniyan N.K.Ponnusami, Perarignar Anna Award for 2022 to Thiru. S.N.M.Ubayadullah, Perunthalaivar Kamarajar

Award to Thiru. E.V.K.S.Elangovan, Mahakavi Bharathiyar award to Dr.A.R.Venkatachalapathi, Pavendar Bharathidasan Award to Thiru. Wallajah Vallavan, Thiru. Vi. Ka. award to Namakkal Thiru.P.Velsami, K.A.P.Viswanatham Award to Kavignar Mu.Metha, the Devaneya Pavanar Award to R.Mathivanan were handed over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. He honoured the winners with a shawl and handed over the cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh each, a gold medal and a commendation to the award winners.

On behalf of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, Thanthai Periyar Award for the year 2022 to Kavignar Kali. Poongundran, Dr.Ambedkar Award for the Year 2022, on behalf of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department to Thiru. S.V.Rajadurai, were handed over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Along with the awards, the award winners were given a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh each, a gold medal and a commendation.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu paid Homage to Ayyan Thiruvalluvar

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K Stalin** paid homage to Ayyan Thiruvalluvar by offering rose petals to his statue at Valluvar Kottam on 16.01.2023 in connection with Thiruvalluvar Day Celebrations.The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru.Udhayanidhi Stalin, the Hon'ble Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Thiru. T.M.Anbarasan, the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma.Subramanian, the Hon'ble Minister for HR and CE Thiru. P.K.Sekar Babu, Mayor of the Greater Chennai Corporation Tmt. R.Priya, Members of the Legislative Assembly Dr. N. Ezhilan and Thiru. T. Velu, the Secretary of Tamil Development and Information Department Dr.R.Selvaraj, I.A.S., and Government higher officials were present on the occasion.

Hon’ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports development, inaugurates world famous Alanganallur jallikattu sport

Hon’ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development **Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin** flagged off the Jallikattu competition - 17.01.2023.

On January 17, at the Alanganallur Jallikattu competition, the Hon’ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin participated as the special guest. Bull catchers in the presence of the Hon’ble Minister Thiru.Udhayanidhi Stalin took the Safe Jallikattu Pledge, at 07.45 am.

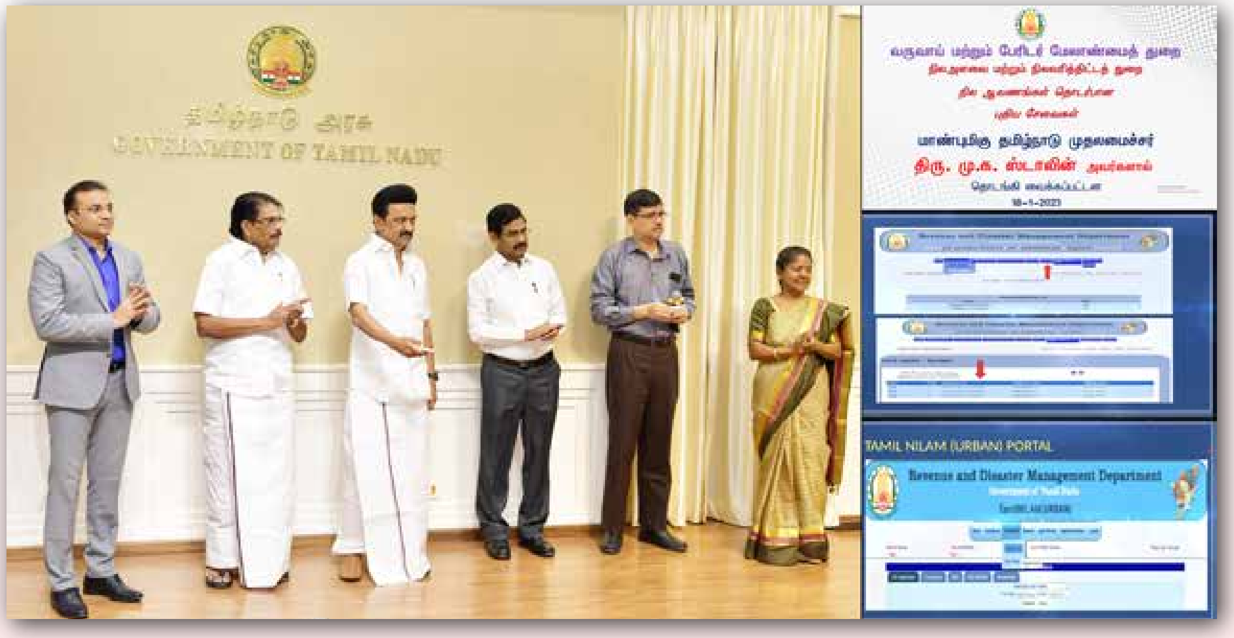
Then, the Hon’ble Minister flagged off the Jallikattu competition, at 8 am. The Hon’ble Minister Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin also handed over gold rings and gold coins to the successful bull catchers and to the bull owners. Ten rounds were held in the competition and 825 bulls were released in the competition. 465 bull catchers were involved in taming the bulls. Over 2,500 policemen were posted for security duty.

On behalf of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, a car was presented to Thiru. Abi Sithar, who successfully tamed 26 bulls and on behalf of the Hon’ble Minister Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, a car was presented to Thiru. Tamiselvan, owner of the Kaikurichi Bull. Similarly, motorcycles were presented to bull catchers and bull owners as second and third prizes. •

The Hon’ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin flagged off the Alanganallur Jallikattu competition

Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurates software that simplifies issue of pattas for land divisions

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** inaugurates a new software for Land Administration and Management 18.01.2023.



The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the Secretariat on 18.01.2023, on behalf of the Directorate of Survey and Settlement under the control of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, inaugurated a new software in the Tamilnilam Portal (https://tamilnilam.tn.gov.in) for creation of subdivisions for the approved house plots.

In the approved plot division, while purchasing the house plots in a single layout, the public has to submit separate petitions for each sub division. For this, the surveyor has to go on different days to the sub-divisions for land measurement.

In the State, every month nearly 1.50 lakh sub-division petitions are received and most of the petitions are attached to plot wing. Due to this, there is delay in transfer of internal patta. The newly developed software sub-divides the entire layout registered in the name of the Layout owner. Due to this, applications for individual sub-division of layouts will come

down and the time for patta transfer is very much reduced.

Through this new software, the approved layouts are sub-divided and patta will be issued in the name of the owner of the layouts. When the public purchase a plot in a layout, patta transfer in the name of the purchaser is done immediately through automatic patta transfer scheme. There is no need for the purchaser to apply for the name change in the patta or go to the Tahsildar's office. His difficulties are avoided.

Common areas allotted in the layout for general public use, like roads and parks are individually sub-divided and they are registered in the name of the respective local bodies. This will prevent encroachment of Government land and sale of public-use land illegally. Also such cases of fraudulent sale of land for public use will be averted.

New software for income follow up work in Corporations and Municipalities

Another new software developed for revenue tracking work in Corporations, will be implemented in Municipalities as soon as revenue villages achieve urbanization. Revenue documents will be converted into city land survey records during the city survey work. The field numbers are divided into wards and blocks and the new city survey number are created.

At the same time, ownership documents of owners of the land and work on the ownership of the field based on use have been improved in Municipalities and Corporations since 2007. Since its inception, the programme has been implemented in various municipalities and corporations in the State for the last 15 years. While the delay was causing difficulty for citizens in getting updated land documents, the new software through National Informatics Centre will help complete the above income follow-up work and the urban land tax planning work in a short period of time.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the new software developed by the National Informatics Centre.

With this new software, the steps from preparing the notice of enquiry to the preparation of final original documents and the preparation of soft copies, which were copied through manual processing in the revenue follow-up process, have been computerized and facilities have been established to complete the work quickly.

Further due to computerization, the work load of the planning staff will be greatly reduced. The final documents prepared through this software are accurate and transparent and facilities have been established directly from the Directorate to monitor the land survey and planning.

The software will be installed in the town planning units of 9 Corporations and 36 municipalities where the revenue tracking work is currently under way. The access web platform will be a great opportunity for urban residents to conduct land related transactions with ease.

Chennai book fair goes international

Hon'ble Chief Minister stresses need for good translations of Tamil works in other languages

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** at the valedictory function of the International Book Fair held at the Nandanam YMCA Ground, Chennai 18.01.2023.

Printers, publishers and literature enthusiasts, at the outset I extend my warm welcome and thanks to all of you.

After witnessing phenomenal growth in the industrial front, the State reached international fame through the Chess Olympiad. After a long gap, the State conducted the ATP Tennis Tournament. Now in the knowledge world, I mean book publishing, the State has spread its wings globally. I feel proud and happy about this.

On January 6, I came here to inaugurate the book fair. Thousands of book stalls in the show have sold books in the last one week. This is the 46th Chennai Book Fair. In this 46th Chennai Book Fair something that did not happen in 46 years has happened. That is, the international

Book Fair has been organized in Chennai this year.

Poet Bharathiar declared that the books of scholars of other countries should be translated into Tamil and that we should publish books in Tamil that achieve immortal fame. There is no point in spreading old stories among ourselves. Quality should be recognized world-wide. Poet Bharathi expressed such ideas 120 years ago. His dream is now being realized through this International Book Fair.

Even before publishing had grown in a big way, Thanthai Periyar translated the Communist Party Manifesto and the works of Lenin, Annal Ambedkar, Engels and other international scholars into Tamil. The desire of Periyar was to give global knowledge to Tamils in their native language and this has come true through this International Book Fair.

It is not surprising that such International Book Fairs are conducted in Tamil Nadu when Tamil reigns over the State. The Government of Tamil Nadu acts in a planned manner to take Tamil books throughout the world and to get the books of great international scholars translated into Tamil.

In the recent Chennai Literary Show, I have released 108 books.

- 25 books under Thisaithorum Dravidam Scheme;
- 46 books under the Muthamizharignar Translation Scheme;
- 59 books under the Ilanthalir Literature Scheme;
- Pathupattu books under the Sangam Literature Series;
- Documentation edition of Kalai Kalanjiyam (encyclopedia),
- 2 books on great personalities whose centenary is being celebrated,
- 2 books of V.O.C's writings, and
- 17 books which have been nationalized.

Totally, 173 books have been released on behalf of the State Government in the last one-and-a-half years. On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Text Book and Educational Services Corporation, medical text books have been translated into Tamil.

Thanthai Periyar is a global leader. His thoughts are applicable to the entire world.

They are common to the whole world. We are translating and publishing the thoughts of Periyar in 21 languages including international and Indian languages and started the basic works.

We have also published Tamil books in English, Malayalam, Telugu and Kannada. We have also planned to translate books of other languages in Tamil. These works have been progressing rapidly for the last one-and-a-half years. To crown all these, we have started this International Book Fair in Chennai.

At the international level, such book fairs are held in Germany, England, Italy and China. Now it is being held in Chennai also. My request to the School Education Department is to make this show an annual affair.

Whenever quality books are being translated, our language will be enriched and words will be strengthened.

Not only new literature but, we will get new thoughts and new words. The age of the language also lasts only when new words emerge periodically.

The great Tamil writer and translator, Thiru. Ka.Na.Subramaniam has said that the richness of English literature was because of translations. In the same way, books from other languages should come to Tamil and vice versa.

A few days back, writer S.Ramakrishnan in Hindu Tamil Thisai daily has explained the reason why Tamil books have not reached their desired all-India level despite many publications coming out daily.

There are no well translated works of Tamil Literature in other Indian and international languages. If our Tamil literature books are to attain global status they should be translated into other international languages. Translated

works have the same status as creative works. In this regard, such international exhibitions will be useful. International-level exchange of knowledge is the main aim of the Chennai International Book Fair. In this fair, facilities have been provided for International and Tamil publishers, with Tamil Literature as their focus, to exchange copyrights. This will facilitate excellent rapport with international publishers.

Publishers and sellers from many countries including Britain, America, Germany, France, Japan, Sweden, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh, Azerbaijan, Israel, Uganda, Armenia, Argentina, Canada, Turkey, Kenya, United Arab Emirates have visited this multinational book fair. As the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu! I welcome you all. Multinational publishers who came here can establish reliable business relationships with Tamil publishers.

The Rights table here is facilitated to sell and buy copyright with participating countries, other book publishers, literary agents, book publishing organizations, writers, translators. Daily meeting with writers, translation in Tamil and other languages, future of publishing industry in the global book market, translation technology and other topics were addressed by scholars. It is very important for intellectual functioning.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is giving a translation grant of Rs. 3 crore for translating Tamil works in international and Indian languages. I am glad to say that in this first-time international book fair, 365 Memoranda of Understanding have been signed to translate Tamil works into other international and Indian languages and vice versa.

We need to make the Chennai International Book Fair a platform for global knowledge exchange. This is a huge opportunity for writers - publishers - translators. You should make good use of this.

This book fair has been held for three days starting from 16th. The Government of Tamil Nadu will definitely make arrangements to conduct more book fairs in the coming years.

The Government sanctioned Rs. 6 crore for this year's book fair.

The Chennai International Book Fair, jointly organized by the Directorate of Public Libraries of the Department of Education, the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation and the South Indian Publishers and Booksellers Association (BAPASI), has made this funding with the hope that the Tamil language and Tamil literature will be positioned at a high level in the global arena. We think of building knowledge as a constructive investment. We are doing this as an intellectual charity.Government of Tamil Nadu considers this as its duty. We are not doing this at the request of anyone.

Such efforts are natural to us. Tamil writers and publishers know this fact. They should co-operate in this venture. If there are suggestions, the Government of Tamil Nadu will welcome them with open heart.

Let us study literature!

Let us create literature!

We will bring world literature to Tamil and take Tamil literature to the international level!

Let us know the world of knowledge and introduce Tamil to the world of knowledge! by saying this, I conclude my speech.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

"Ilakkiya Malar 2023" released with updated looks after 25 years

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** released 'Ilakkiya Malar- 2023', published by the Information and Public Relations Department, at the Secretariat on 04.02.2023. The first copy of the book was received by the Chief Secretary Dr. V. Irai Anbu I.A.S., the second and third copies were received by Sahitya Akademi award winner Thiru. S.Ramakrishnan, and renowned painter Thiru. Trotsky Marudu respectively. The Secretary of the Tamil Development and Information Department, Dr.R.Selvaraj I.A.S. and Director of Information and Public Relations, Dr. V.P. Jeyaseelan I.A.S., were also present.

Hon'ble Chief Minister reviews progress in construction of multi-speciality hospital at Guindy

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inspected the construction work of the Multi-Speciality Hospital, road works and rain water drainage works in Greater Chennai Corporation limits - 22.01.2023

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, on the occasion of the 97th birth anniversary of Dr.Kalaignar on June 03, 2021, announced that a Multi-Speciality Hospital with 1,000 beds would be constructed in the campus of the King Institute of Preventive Medicine and Research, Guindy, at a cost of Rs. 230 crore.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin inspected the ongoing construction work of the Multi-Specialty Hospital, road works and rain water drainage works in Greater Chennai Corporation limits, on 22.01.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who reviewed the progress of the construction of the hospital, directed the authorities to complete the work as early as possible. He advised the officials that the hospital should be developed as environment-friendly green building.

Later, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inspected the rain water drainage works for a length of 3,047 metres, at an expenditure of Rs. 16.44 crore at 5 Furlong Road, Pillaiyar Koil Street, Sengani Amman Temple Street, City Link road, Netaji Road and Velachery Main Road under the Greater Chennai Corporation limits.

Of these 6 roads, work has been completed in 5 Furlong Road, Pillaiyar Koil Street and Sengeni Amman Koil Street. Work has been going at a faster pace in City Link Road and Netaji Road. Work is to start soon in Velachery Main Street. Work upto a length of

2,398 metres has been completed. The Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the officials to complete the unfinished work speedily.

Subsequently, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inspected the road-laying work at Arcot Road in Ward No 157 in Alandur zone. The road-laying work is being done for 475 metres long and 7 metres wide at a cost of Rs. 27.40 lakh. This inner ring road is an important road, linking Manapakkam-Gerugambakkam Highway.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed the officials to carry out the work without causing inconvenience to road users and in a safe manner. He also told them that quality standards should be maintained and the quality of the road should be periodically checked.

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Creating awareness among youth about competitive exams

The Chief Secretary to Government Dr.V.Irai Anbu, I.A.S., at the Anna Institute of Management complex on 27.01.2023, conducted a review meeting on creating awareness about competitive examinations, especially the competitive examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, with the staff of the Institute. In the review meeting, the Director of Employment and Training, Thiru. K. Veera Raghava Rao, I.A.S., Director of Information and Public Relations, Dr.V.P.Jeyaseelan I.A.S., and officials of various departments participated.

Government of Tamil Nadu sanctions Rs.7.5 crore as equity fund investment in 5 SC/ST startups

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the Secretariat on 27.01.2023, on behalf of the Micro, Small and Medium Industries Department, inaugurated the Tamil Nadu Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Startup Fund and handed over orders for investment of Rs.7.50 crore equity fund investment in 5 startup companies.

The Scheduled Caste and Schedule Tribe Startup Fund is an initiative of the Government of Tamil Nadu to address the issue of financial inclusion of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs. The objective of the fund is to invest in startups funded by entrepreneurs exclusively from the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities. Through the fund, startup entrepreneurs belonging to the SC/ST Communities will be provided unsecured loan or investments in terms of equity. In the first phase Rs. 30 crore has been allotted for the fund and the scheme is being implemented through the Tamil Nadu Innovative and Startup Finance Scheme.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** inaugurated the Tamil Nadu Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Startup Fund and handed over investment orders to the beneficiaries - 27.01.2023.

Applications were invited from SC/ST entrepreneurs from May 2022. So far the scheme has attracted 330 applications. Preliminary short-listing of applications was carried out by StartupTN with the support of experts. The project sanction committee, after a detailed evaluation of the startups, approved investments to the tune of Rs. 7.50 crore in 5 startups in the form of equities. The sanction orders were issued by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin. As the Government itself is investing in these companies, these startups will get more marketing opportunities.

The following are the beneficiary companies:

Pack N Back Solutions

The second startup company is Pack N Back Solutions, which received a fund of

Rs. 2 crore. This funding will help create a logistics platform to track containers through digital technology.

Unibose Technology Pvt. Ltd.,

Unibose Technology Pvt. Ltd., is into developing and building robots for cleaning vessels that store hazardous materials in the oil and gas industries and sewer lines. It has got a funding of Rs. 2.5 crore.

The Tow Man

The company provides unique subscription-based roadside assistance to two wheelers and four wheelers, including towing, jumpstart and other minor vehicular movement services such as pick up and drop of vehicles to and from dealers for repair or service. The funding will help the unit to expand its operations across Tamil Nadu.

Eco-Soft Solutions

It is a software service provider in the automotive domain and has a customer base with many big units. Eco Software Solutions will get Rs. 1 crore as equity investment fund, which will be utilized for developing an App for financial technology solutions and improving its customer base.

Peas Automation

Peas Automation Technologies is building a portable multi-agro processing machine for small and medium farmers through IoT technology. The unit gets Rs. 1 crore funding and the investment will be utilized for marketing the developing and sale of multi-processing unit for food grains.

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Birth Anniversary celebrations of Bharat Ratna Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.R.

In connection with the 106th birth anniversary celebrations of Bharat Ratna Dr.M.G.R., Hon'ble Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Thiru. T.M.Anbarasan, Hon'ble Minister for Milk & Dairy Development Thiru. S.M.Nasar, Mayor of the Greater Chennai Corporation Tmt. R.Priya, the Secretary of Tamil Development and Information Department, Dr.R.Selvaraj, I.A.S., and Director of Information and Public Relations Dr.V.P.Jeyaseelan I.A.S., paid floral tribute to a portrait of Dr.M.G.R, kept near his statue on the Dr.M.G.R. Medical University complex on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, on 17.01.2023.

At Ripon buildings, seat of Greater Chennai Corporation

Hon'ble Chief Minister pays unstinted praise to officials, workers for great work during rain havoc

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K.Stalin** at Greater Chennai Corporation's Ripon Building, felicitating officials and workers for their efficient functioning during rain and flood havoc in Chennai-31.01.2023.

I am really happy to participate in the function to felicitate the workers who functioned effectively during the flood and rain havoc. I have come here with great pleasure to participate in this function. I have come to this function with great happiness.

Many functions were arranged in the past to felicitate me. But I feel more pride in participating in this function arranged to congratulate you. The main reason for this is that it is 20 months since the present Government took charge. During this period, we have created two records. Due

to those records, we have received a good name from the public.

First we have won the battle against Corona and secondly we protected the people from the rains and floods.

Immediately after controlling the Corona epidemic, we faced heavy rains. Those in power in the last 10 years had not done anything during their period. You know the extent of rain that pounded the city during its first spell. We had to face a lot of difficulties in managing the floods due to the heavy rains. We took those challenges as a lesson. We learnt how to function in case of such eventualities in the future.

We took a vow that before the next rains we would take steps to avert stagnation of rain water in any place. Everybody knows that we successfully won that battle also. These are the two major records we achieved.

On social media, people compared the situation during the previous rains and the recent rains. We also saw those messages on Whatsapp that appreciated our work. My joy knew no bounds when I saw those messages. people ublic openly extended their felicitations, both in person and through the media. Do you know who was responsible for these felicitations? It is none other than you. You are responsible for those felicitations. That is the reason that I have come here to felicitate you.

Employees belonging to Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Water Resources Department,

Highways Department, Tamil Nadu Power Generation Corporation and the Police are to be congratulated for their work.

Along with them, I am duty bound to congratulate the Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration, Thiru. K.N. Nehru. Whenever I mentioned Nehru's name in the public and party functions, I used to say that there is no one to equal Nehru. Only Nehru can equal Nehru. He always works with great speed. He completes the task assigned to him with enthusiasm. He has got one peculiar trait. He has both love and anger. He utilizes both these to get work done.

Similarly, you all know that both the Hon'ble Ministers Thiru. Ma. Subramanian and Thiru. Sekar Babu, both assigned to Chennai Corporation areas, worked round-the-clock during the havoc. Similarly, we saw how the Chennai Corporation Mayor Sister Priya and Deputy Mayor Mahesh Kumar worked 24 hours a day and hastened the relief works.

Like that, the work executed by the Chennai Corporation Commissioner, Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, is really great. He skillfully integrated all the departments and succeeded in completing the relief works.

The five fingers should function in co-ordination for the hand to reveal its strength. It was in this manner that the Corporation pumped out stagnating rain water within an hour.

The Water Resources Ministry de-silted the water bodies; the Highways Department repaired the damaged roads; TNEB ensured uniform power supply and our Police saw to it that there was no hindrance to the public.

This is what we say to be the Dravidian Model Government. We are able to taste victory because

of the co-ordination of work among all departments.

It is very difficult to get a good name during the time of floods. But I have good experience in this. I was also the Mayor of the Chennai Corporation, not once or twice but for 7 years. So I know each and every ward of the Corporation. Why, I know every street of the Corporation.

Not only after the rains, but even during pouring rains, wearing a raincoat, I personally saw our Commissioner carrying out relief works accompanied by his staff. Even before my arrival at the work spot, I saw the presence of the officers and their staff. Not only me, the staff also worked during the pouring rain.

This is what is known as service to the people. To put it in short, that is how Dr.Kalaignar functioned and that is how he shaped me. If I yearn to go to a place where people are suffering and if I seek to comfort them and bring them solace, it is because Dr.Kalaignar nurtured that feeling in me. On this occasion I congratulate you all for standing with the people and rendering them service.

You should not remain complacent that we work in Government offices and get a monthly salary. You should all work for the welfare of the people with dedication. Since you worked with service-mindedness, our Government and our corporation have been applauded. I would like to mention in

particular that the work of conservancy workers is really significant and important. It is Dr.Kalaignar who changed the nomenclature of the workers from scavenging to sanitation and conservancy. You know the difficulties of the work and have functioned effectively. That is why, the people regard this Government with a smile on their faces.

When I took over the Government in 2021, I visited the rain and flood affected areas and inspected the flood rescue and relief operations as the Chief Minister and also gave my suggestions for precautionary steps.

Similarly you know the extent to which the Minister concerned functioned on that occasion. Since we saw all those things in person, we decided to find a permanent solution to the rain and flood damages in the Chennai Corporation areas. We decided to form an expert committee under the chairmanship of the retired I.A.S. officer, Thiru. Thiruppugazh. The committee visited the affected areas, interacted with people and gave its report to the State Government in 3 phases.

Based on the recommendations of the committee, we decided to set up storm water drainage in many rain and flood prone areas in the City. We allotted funds for the scheme and directed that the works should be completed before the onset of the monsoon.

In 15 zones, to a length of 57 km at a cost of Rs. 254.67 crore, under the Singara Chennai 2.0 Scheme; under the Flood Relief Fund, to a length of 107.57 km at a cost of Rs. 291.06 crore; on behalf of the Infrastructure and Facilities Scheme, to a length of 10 km at a cost of Rs. 26.28 crore; under the Investment Fund to a length of one km on the main roads of the City at a cost of Rs. 7.41 crore, new storm water drainage works were carried out.

With the financial assistance of Asian Development Bank, in Kosasthalai River basin areas, for a length of 769 km at a cost of Rs. 3,220 crore; with assistance of German International Bank, for a length of 360 km at a cost of Rs. 1,714 crore and with the assistance of World Bank, for a length of about 44.88 km at a cost of Rs. 120 crore new storm water drains are being set up.

Taking into our experiences of the 2021 monsoon havoc, we completed all precautionary measures in a short period of time. We saw the result in the 2022 monsoon. In the coming years, we will definitely witness a City without any rain water stagnation. I am happy to state that this Government will take more such measures.

People's happiness is our aim. We shall work towards achieving that target. Repeatedly, I have said one thing. Number One Chief Minister, Number One Tamil Nadu. I don't think that this glory and compliment is given to Stalin. I will never think so. It is because of your work that I got

this compliment. This meeting is being held to proclaim that to the world.

Everyone should have the heart to pay due credit in this manner. We get the right to give advice and to criticize only when we give our praise when good work is done. In that way, I openly appreciate the officials of the Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai Metro Water and Sewerage Board, Water Resources Department, Highways Department, Tamil Nadu Power Generation and Distribution Corporation and the Police.

Whenever Thiru. Nehru organizes a function, it turns out to be a grand event. I am saying this as a tasty feast awaits the people at the functions that he organizes. On behalf of the Corporation, I request all of you to take food and go with full satisfaction. Along with you, I am also going to take food in this batch. Once again, I extend my appreciation and congratulations to you.

Nandri and Vanakkam.

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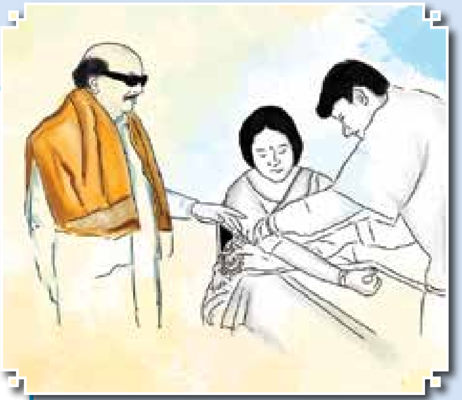

Muthamizharignar Dr.Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi at Padiyanallur in Thiruvallur District on 29.11.1999 inaugurated **'Arasu Nala Vazhvu- Varumun Kappom'** Scheme that makes the Government meeting the poor and marginalized people in person for protecting their health and diagnosing their diseases by conducting experiments and provide them treatment if necessary.

Now...

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** on 05.08.2021, inaugurated **'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam'** at Samanapalli Village in Soolagiri Panchayat Union in Krishnagiri District. Under the scheme, medical assistance is provided to the poor and marginalized people at their door steps. The medical team goes to the houses of people, conducts all medical tests and gives them medicines.

127th Birth anniversary of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose

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In connection with the 127th birth anniversary of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma.Subramanian, the Hon'ble Minister for HR and CE Thiru. P.K.Sekar Babu, the Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Tmt. R.Priya, Secretary of Tamil Development and Information Department, Dr.R.Selvaraj, I.A.S., MLAs and Government higher officials paid floral tribute to a portrait of Netaji kept near his statue in the Kamarajar Salai, Chennai on 23.01.2023.

Review of renovation work of memorials of the great leaders

The Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity **Thiru. M.P.Saminathan** reviewed the ongoing construction of Ayothidasa Pandithar Memorial, the work of installation of statues of V.O.Chidambaranar, Maruthu Brothers and Veerapandiya Kattabomman, and refurbishing of the memorials of great leaders, at Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai, on 24.01.2023.

Hon’ble Chief Minister orders input relief for 48,593 farmers affected by North East monsoon rains

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** ordered financial relief totalling Rs.50.89 crore, to 48,593 farmers for crop damage in 27 districts, including Mayiladuthurai District which was heavily affected by the North East monsoon.

✸ During the North Eastmonsoon season from 01.10.2022 to 04.12.2022, heavy rains caused extensive crop damage in many districts of Tamil Nadu. In particular, the crops of Mayiladuthurai district, Sirkazhi, Kollidam and Sembanarkoil were severely affected due to heavy rains on 03.11.2022 and 11.11.2022.

✸ Hon’ble Chief Minister visited Mayiladuthurai and Cuddalore districts affected by unprecedented rain on 14.11.2022 and provided relief to the affected people. The Hon’ble Chief Minister also directed the officers to take steps to provide appropriate compensation to the affected farmers for the paddy crops affected by the rains and floods.

✸ In this case, based on the details of the crop damage in the rain-affected districts, 32,533.46 hectares of agricultural lands were damaged in the most-affected Mayiladuthurai district and 40,031 farmers were given an interim relief of Rs.43.92 crore. Also, in 26 districts including Cuddalore, Tiruvarur, Ariyalur, 5,222.19 hectares of agricultural lands were affected and Rs.6.96 crore provided as relief to 8,562 farmers. The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K.Stalin ordered a total of Rs.50.89 crore to provide input relief to 48,593 farmers, upon which G.O has been issued.

Do you Know?

All India Civil Services Exam Training Centre

Candidates taking the All India Civil Services preliminary and main examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission are provided training by the All India Civil Services Examination Training Centre run by the Government of Tamil Nadu in Chennai. The training centre is functioning in an excellent manner particularly for the benefit of poor and downtrodden candidates from socially and economically sections in rural areas.

In 2022, out of 76 candidates who have appeared for the main examination from this Training Centre, 18 candidates have passed cleared it. Two candidates who cleared the examination had chosen by choosing Tamil as their optional subject. Also, a majority of successful aspirants had Geography as their optional subject. Among those who passed are 5 women and 13 men. It is noteworthy that one of them is a differently-abled woman.

The candidates were provided a separate room with board during the training classes from 29th June to 25th September 2022. Special bus facility was also provided to travel from the training centre to the examination centre in order to enable the candidates write the examinations in a effective way. For the above period, Rs. 3,000 was given as monthly incentive for each candidate.

At presently present, for the above candidates who have cleared the main examinations through this centre, Model Personality Sessions will be conducted by serving and retired All India Civil Service Officers and top experts through this training centre. This will enable the qualified candidates to perform in the best manner when they appear for their personality test.

Apart from the above candidates who have cleared their main examinations through the centre, other candidates who have passed the main examination can also be allowed to participate in the Model Personality Test to be conducted by this Centre it. No fee is required for this. Candidates who want to take part in this test can register themselves at the e-mail address aicscc.gov@gmail.com or contact number 9444286657 (whatsapp) or phone number 044-24621909. The details of the date for the mock personality test will be announced soon on the website www.civilservicecoaching.com.

Candidates appearing for the personality test held in Delhi through this centre, are provided Rs.5,000 as travelling expenses.

Beneficiaries of scheme for free power connection to farmers laud Hon'ble Chief Minister in one voice

With a view to increase agricultural production, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, inaugurated a scheme in Chennai on 23.09.2021 to provide free power supply to one lakh farmers in the State, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board-Tamil Nadu Power Generation Corporation and Tamil Nadu Power Transmission Corporation, and issued power connection orders to farmers.

While presenting the demand for the Department of Energy in the Tamil Nadu Assembly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that one lakh new free agricultural electricity connections would be provided to farmers for the year 2021-2022.

As per the announcement, in Krishnagiri, Hosur and Pochampalli divisions of the Krishnagiri district, 2,619 persons, who applied for power connections in the normal queue system from 01.04.2004 to 31.03.2006 got the connections. Similarly, 3,265 persons, who applied under the Rs.25,000 self-financing scheme till 31.03.2012, 575 persons, who applied till 31.03.2012 under the Rs. 50,000 self-financing scheme,

Mrs. Poonkodi

62 persons who applied between 01.04.2006 and 31.03.2007, under the Rs. 10,000 self-financing scheme, 1,789 farmers under the Tatkal self-finance scheme and 76 farmers under various Government schemes got the connection. A total of 8,386 farmers got free power supply in the district.

Beneficiary under this scheme Tmt. Poonkodi wife of Thiru. Govindan from Maruthepalli Village in Bargur Panchayat Union (Power connection number: 190—051—1539, Mobile number: 9994079265: Our family owns 3 acres of land. I have one son and three daughters. All of them are married. My husband and I cultivate groundnut, cotton and toor in our land. With a well in our land, we were also growing paddy for personal consumption using a diesel motor pump. As the price of diesel goes on increasing, we find it difficult to buy diesel and do agriculture. About 10 years ago we applied for free electricity at the Pochampalli Executive Engineer office.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin within a few months of taking charge, after knowing the plight of farmers like us, ordered provision of one lakh new electricity connections per year.

Mr.Ellappan

Under the scheme, we got the power connection. On behalf of our family, I would like to sincerely thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who has ordered provision of free electricity connection to farmers like us within 6 months of his tenure as Chief Minister. We now want to grow paddy, banana and turmeric in the future.

Another beneficiary, Thiru. R.Ellappan (Power connection number: 190—002—2800; mobile number: 9843886108) of Surankuttai Village, Orappam Panchayat in Bargur Panchayat Union had this to say:

Our family has 4.50 acres of traditional high land. I have a wife and a son. My son is currently pursuing his M.Sc.(Agri). We used to grow toor, maize, avarai bean and groundnut in our land. We applied for free electricity many years ago in the Pochampalli electrical engineer's office. We depended on the produce of the land for our household and farm expenses. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin Ayya, in the interest of farmers, announced free electricity connections, which is a long-time demand of farmers like Last year we were given free electricity connection. Currently I have installed bore well (950 feet). Our family is very happy to have an electricity connection. In future,

Mrs. Chitra

Mr. Venkatesan

we are going to grow paddy, turmeric and vegetable varieties in our land. I am doing land-levelling work now for that purpose. On behalf of my family, I would like to express my gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for providing free electricity connection for the benefit of the farmers within 6 months of assuming charge as the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Tmt. Chitra (Power connection number:136—014—433), wife of Thiru. Varadhan, and a farmer from Chandrapatti village, in Uthangarai Panchayat Union, said:

I live with my family in Chandrapatti village. Along with my husband, I cultivate our 2.25 acres of land. I have a daughter and have given her in marriage. I cultivate groundnut, maize for livestock, toor and bean and have two milch cows. Our land has a well but there was no electricity connection. We had applied for free electricity many years ago in the office of the Electrical Engineer at Uthangarai. Now I have been provided with free electricity connection under the scheme of providing one lakh new free agricultural electricity connections. There is sufficient water in the well, and I am going to grow paddy, maize and tapioca. My heartfelt thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin Ayya, on behalf of my family.

Thiru Venkatesan (Power connection number: 136 -- 014—432), a farmer of Chandrapatti village of Uthangarai Panchayat Union, and beneficiary of the free power connection scheme had this to say:

I live in a house built on my farm land in Chandrapatti village. I own 3.50 acres of land. grow maize and groundnut; there are more than 20 coconut trees on my land. Though there is a well in my land, in the absence of power connection, I had to depend on seasonal rains for cultivation. I applied for a power connection many years ago. Now, within a short period of time, after the Hon'ble Chief Minister took charge, he has fulfilled the long-pending demand of farmers for free electricity. As I have been provided free power connection, I plan to grow paddy, cotton and vegetables. On behalf of farmers and on my own behalf, I thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister for fulfilling the needs of farmers by providing free agricultural electricity connection to farmers like me, who have been longing for it.

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Innuyir Kappom - Nammai Kakkum 48 scheme, saves lives of victims of road accidents

The Cardiovascular Protection Programme was launched by the then Chief Minister Muthamizharignar Dr.Kalaignar in the year 2008, for the students who suffer from heart problems at an early age and are in need of mandatory heart surgery. Under the scheme, medical camps are conducted in schools to identify students who have heart problems. Those students are referred to private hospitals or Government hospitals for further treatment.

The scheme, known as Chief Minister Kalaignar Insurance Scheme for life-saving treatments, makes advanced treatment available to all the people in Tamil Nadu.

As part of the scheme, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, implemented the 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' Scheme to protect the health of the public. Under this programme, more than 1,18,000 people in Namakkal District are receiving treatment and also getting medicines.

Similarly, to save the lives of people who are victims of accidents on roads, the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 18.12.2021 launched the 'Innuyir Kappom – Nammai Kakkum 48' Scheme.

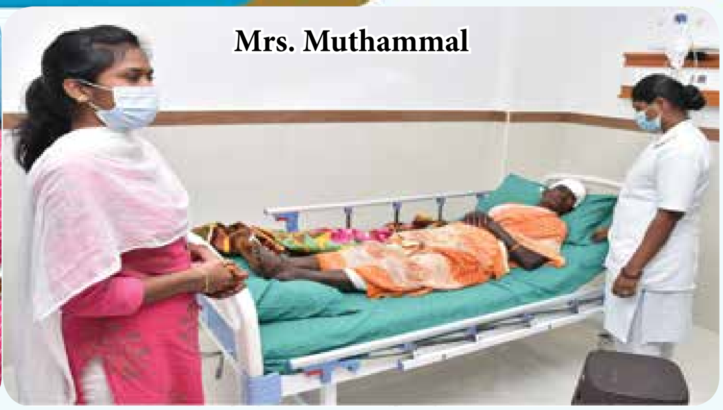
In Namakkal district under the project, arrangements have been made to provide treatment in the following 17 hospitals : Namakkal Government Medical College Hospital, Aravind Hospital, Namakkal CM Hospital, Namakkal Maharaja Specialty Hospital, Namakkal Manickam Hospital, Namakkal Maruti Hospital, Namakkal Sri Akshaya Hospital, Namakkal Thangam Hospital, Namakkal Velavan Hospital, Rasipuram Government Hospital, Rasipuram Sugam Hospital, the Tiruchengode Government Hospital, Tiruchengode Vivekananda Medical Care Hospital, the Paramathivelur Government Hospital, the Kumarapalayam Government Hospital, Senthamangalam Government Hospital and the Kollimalai Government Hospital.

Since the day the programme was launched, in Namakkal district, 46 persons severely injured in different road accidents were saved by being admitted to hospitals in time and provided treatment at a cost of Rs.5,45,300. They all have been saved.

The testimony of relatives of accident victims who benefited from the scheme:

Thiru Kalimuthu, while riding a two-wheeler, met with an accident at Bharathipuram bus stop on the Namakkal-Tiruchi road. He was brought by relatives by 108 ambulance and is being treated at a private hospital which is under Innuyir Kappom scheme in Namakkal town. He had severe injuries on his head, on his back, right foot and jaw. He was given treatment at the hospital and was saved. A scan was carried out for the spinal cord,

Mr. Kalimuthu



Mrs. Muthammal

abdomen and pelvis areas to find out whether they were affected. Also, an X-ray examination of the chest was carried out.

Testimony of Thiru. Thamarai, daughter of Thiru. Kalimuthu who was with him during the accident

My father Thiru Kalimuthu was hit by an Omni car when he was going to my elder sister's house. He lost consciousness and fell down. He was taken in 108 ambulance by relatives and those around and was treated in this hospital at Namakkal. He has been given treatment and has recovered. After the treatment here, we were afraid how much the treatment would cost and how to pay the medical bill. But the hospital authorities said the treatment was done free of charge under the scheme for 5 free treatments for accident victims. I am thankful to Stalin Ayya for ordering free treatment to accident victims under the scheme.

Another beneficiary, Tmt. Subbammal, was severely injured in an accident when she was on her way on a two wheeler to see her newly-born grand-daughter. She was hit by a car and suffered multiple injuries.

Tmt. Subbammal was brought in 108 ambulance and is now receiving treatment under the Innuyir Kappom Scheme at Namakkal Government Medical College Hospital. Since she had severe head injuries and had pain in her chest and abdomen, she underwent a CT scan of the head, chest and abdomen. She was treated for her injuries.

Testimony of victim's daughter Ms. Maheswari: I belong to Pudukkottai. When my mother was coming to see us upon the birth of our new-born daughter, her vehicle was hit by a car near the Meikalnayakanpatti checkpost. My mother was severely injured and fell on the road, unconscious. She was brought in 108 ambulance and admitted in the hospital. Her life has been saved.

Another beneficiary Tmt. Muthammal, was hit by a two-wheeler while walking on the road near Little Angel School on the Moganur Road, Namakkal. She was brought in an ambulance and is undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Namakkal, under the Innuyir Kappom Scheme. She suffered head injuries and fractures on her left elbow and left limb.

She was treated for chest injuries and CT scan of the head and limbs and X-rays of the chest and elbows were undertaken.

Testimony of Deepana, granddaughter of Tmt. Muthammal

I am studying in the agricultural college. My grandmother suffered an accident while she was walking on the Aniyapuram-Moganur road. She was hit by a two-wheeler which a woman rode. We admitted her in the Namakkal C.M. Hospital. In the hospital the nurses and doctors took good care of her. The doctor said that treatment would be provided free of charge under 48 hours scheme. They said there would be no charges for 48 hours.

My grandmother is now fine now. This scheme is very beneficial for accident victims who are poor. Cashless treatment under the scheme is very helpful when the accident victims need immediate treatment during the golden period. Thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Stalin Ayya, for launching the scheme.

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